Happy Chanukah to our readers

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A CHILD'S CHANUKAH

A family Chanukah is depicted by 9-year-old Julia in the Soviet Union. The painting is part of an exhibit of art by Jewish Refusenik children shown in Canadian centres last year. The exhibit, now in Binghamton, NY, may be brought back to Canada early next year, according to a Soviet Jewry Committee spokesman at B'nai B'rith Canada.

Canadian groups lobbying in Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN

Representatives of Toronto Jewish Congress and Montreal's Allied Jewish Community Services are joining five major U.S. federations in a lobbying effort to convince key Israeli politicians not to change the controversial Who is a Jew law.

Delegates from the seven federations are in Israel this week, meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Labor leader Shimon Peres, prominent members of the Knesset, mayors of development towns, local councils and citizens' groups in an effort to convey to them the potential for divisiveness that would result if the law was changed.

But they may be in for a chilly reception, if the recent experience of other Canadian and American Jewish leaders is any indication.

An earlier delegation including past and present leaders of the United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations, United Israel Appeal and UIA-Canada received a cool rebuff last week from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, according to JTA reports.

The Premier promised, however, to set up a "consultative process on the Law of Return with the Jewish Agency, which will act on behalf of world Jewry."

The proposed amendment to the Law of Return, Israel's basic immigration law, would exclude persons converted by non-Orthodox rabbis from automatic Israeli citizenship. It was officially placed on the Knesset agenda last week by Avraham Verdiger of Agudat Israel in what is seen as a slap at the delegation, which expressed Diaspora Jewry's opposition to changes to the law.

The Prime Minister was reportedly cold and blunt to the 8-member "emergency mission" — which included UIA-Canada executive vice president Walter Hess — and tried to persuade them that their concerns were exaggerated and misplaced.

A statement issued by Shamir following last week's meeting stressed the importance of Jewish unity and said "there is no question whatsoever of disqualifying any Jew, and any perception to the contrary is regrettable."

In a rare joint news conference, Israel's two Chief Rabbis criticized U.S. and Canadian Jewish groups for their reactions to the proposed amendments. They said the changes are designed to affect only a few converts making aliya.

"Because of such a marginal problem, they shouldn't have made such a big fuss," said Rabbi Avraham Shapira, Chief Ashkenazi rabbi.

Chief Sephardi Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu called for a halt to public squabbling, saying "I would like to appeal to all these people and say please don't make problems for the Jewish people."

Following a meeting by the delegation last week with Agudat Yisrael, the ultra-Orthodox, non-Zionist party that led the campaign for the amendment, Hess reported "no progress at all" towards bridging the gap.

"We emphasized that from a Diaspora point of view it is the delegitimization of American Jewry," he said.

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Israel welcomes action

U.S. rejects Arafat's visa

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The news that the U.S. rejected Yasser Arafat's request for a visa that would permit him to address the UN General Assembly in New York City on Dec. 1 was received here with official satisfaction.

Officials expressed hope that the U.S. decision would put at least a temporary stop to the PLO's successful diplomatic onslaught in the wake of the Palestine National Council declaration of an independent Palestinian state (CJN Nov. 24).

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres sent an appreciative telegram to Secretary of State George Shultz. Avi Pazner, the Prime Minister's media adviser, said the American move was a "very important, very positive" developement.

The decision "proves that the U.S. correctly understands that nothing has really changed in the PLO, which continues to be a terrorist organization, as the Americans themselves said," Pazner said. He added that the decision would deprive the PLO of the planned pinnacle of its "public relations campaign."

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Status quo maintained

Six Jews elected to Parliament

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

There will still be six Jewish MPs in the House of Commons — with representation from all three political parties — when the 34th session of Parliament begins later this month.

While over 15 Jewish candidates ran in last week's federal election, there were no changes in the number of Jewish MPs who will serve in the House of Commons.

Despite achieving back-to-back majorities, the Conservative Party still only has one Jewish representative, Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner who was easily returned in Pierrefonds-Dollard in Montreal.

The Liberals' two Jewish MPs in Quebec also racked up impressive victories.

Sheila Finestone won by an even greater margin than in 1984 in Mount Royal and David Berger became the new MP for St. Henri-West-mount.

Two Jewish Liberal incumbents in Ontario recorded strong wins. Herb Gray won his 11th election in Windsor West, while Robert Kaplan managed to win all but four polls in York Centre.

Despite a number of Jewish hopefuls, the New Democratic Party managed to return only one Jewish representative after losing David Orlikow in Winnipeg North, a riding that has traditionally sent a Jewish representative to Ottawa. However it elected a member who could be a future star, in former British Columbia premier Dave Barrett in Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca in BC, a Vancouver Island riding.

For more election results, see pages 16 and 17.

Holiday deadlines

Because December is a holiday month with likely delays in the mails, organizations are advised that the deadline for the Dec. 15, 22 and Jan. 5 issues is NOW — and no later than Friday noon, Dec. 2 in Toronto. THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE ON DEC. 29.

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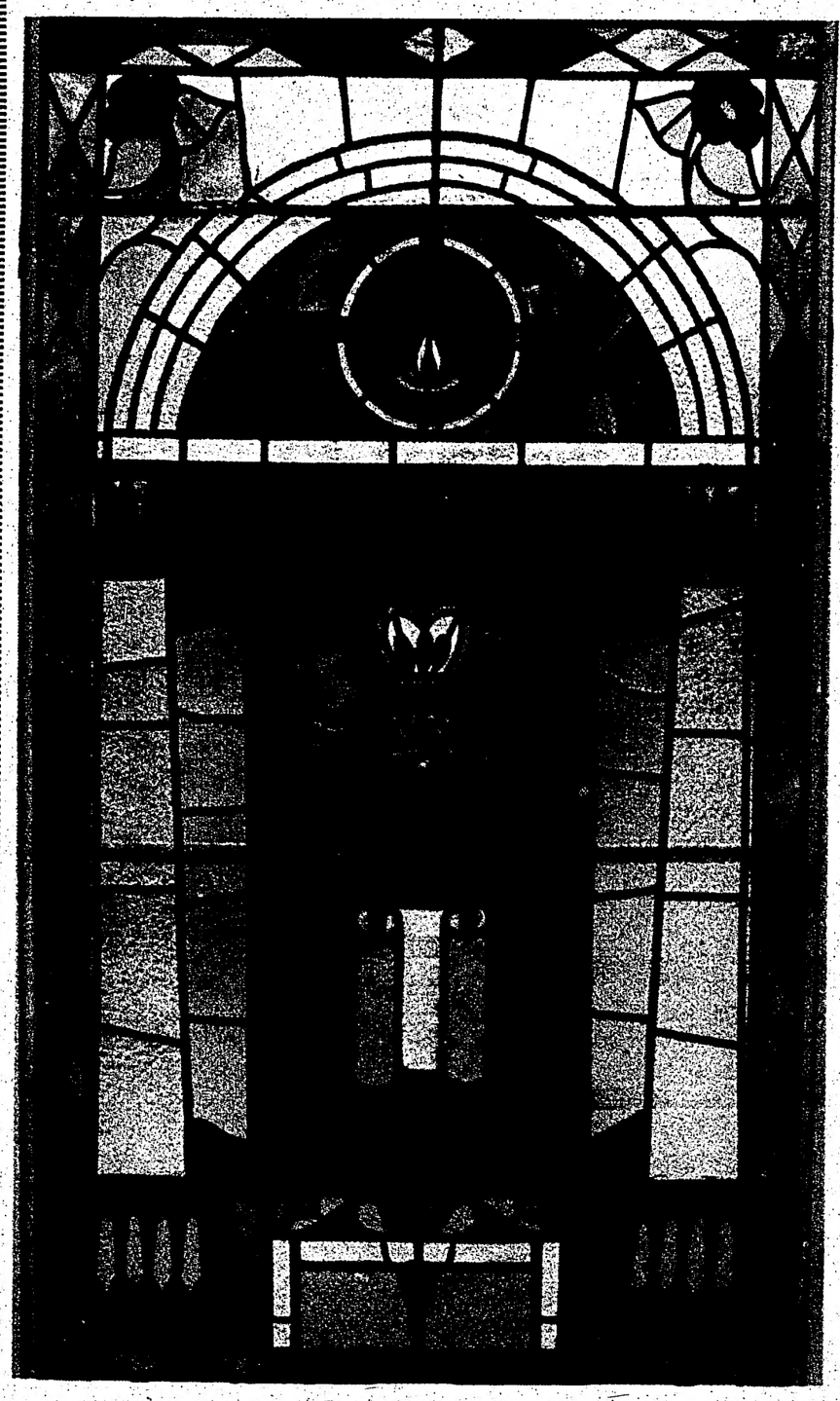

PANEL FOR SALE

A stained-glass panel from a now defunct synagogue in Preston, England, is one of four such works offered for sale in an antique store in Campbellville, Ont. See story in our Chanukah section inside.

World-National

Setting the record straight

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Kristallnacht. A historical correction is long overdue. Up till now it was assumed that the number of German synagogues destroyed on Nov. 9, 10, 1938, was "only" 195, and the number of dead, 35 or 40. An Israeli team has now come up with startlingly different figures. There were 800 men and women who died as a result of the night's orgy, and no fewer than 1,141 synagogues fell to the torch!

Rabbi Plaut

My source is a member of the special team. He and his colleagues are putting together an authoritative record which will include hitherto unknown items, including letters and photographs. If any readers have such items in their possession they should contact "50 Years Kristallnacht," c/o Prof. M. Schwartz, Boneh ha-Homah 3, Old City, Jerusalem.

I was interested to read how the 50th anniversary was observed in Germany itself. A 16-page report from 38 selected communities, ranging from large cities like Frankfort and Munich to small towns like Bocholt and Fritzlar, gives us a good idea. In almost all of them there were official meetings and resolutions of city councils, dedications of special memorials, and public seminars on the meaning of the event. Occasionally there was also a program dealing with the role of the churches in Nazi times; special memorial services in churches, and — best of all — in schools.

The most ambitious programs were held in Frankfurt which added a concert of Jewish composers, sponsored the publication of several volumes devoted to the effects of Kristallnacht, and helped to revive the knowledge of Jewish authors whose works had long ago been removed from all libraries.

Of course, Jewish communities too were involved. But many towns and cities which today have no longer any Jewish inhabitants also had their observances and took this occasion to dedicate monuments or plaques commemorating the Jews who had lived in their midst.

The Protestant Church of the Federal Republic of Germany issued a declaration which said, in part:

"What happened in the month of November 1938 was carried out in public, took place before the eyes of everyone. The persecution was directed against all Jews. The race-madness displayed its humanity-despising brutality. No one could have denied all knowledge of it. Those who planned and executed these crimes could count on the majority of our people being either compliant, indifferent and looking the other way or silent out of fear. Christians too — with few exceptions — kept silent."

The only discordant note in the German observances came when the speaker of the Bundestag (Parliament), Paul Jenninger, tried his hand at a historical review of the 1930s. In the process he quoted Nazi sources which, in his written text, were in quotation marks. But his hearers were unaware of this and thought that these were Jenninger's own words. Fifty of them, from three different parties, walked out in protest. An uproar followed and that very day Jenninger resigned his position.

A broadcast heard in Canada stated that the resignation was occasioned "by Jewish pressure." That was manifestly untrue; in fact, the deputy chairman of the Central Council of German Jews, Michael Fuerst, defended Jenninger's intent, and pointed out that the man had always been a staunch friend of the Jews and of Israel. He and others agreed, however, that Jenninger had made a serious error of judgment. On Kristallnacht the focus should have been on the victim, not on the murderers. This gaffe was Jenninger's undoing, and his prompt resignation was an honorable step. Compare this to Mr. Waldheim who stands accused of serious offences, and not just of a gaffe.

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Heine. Dr. Joseph Klinghofer of Toronto called to my attention that Heinrich Heine was not, as I had written, buried in Pere Lachaise cemetery in Paris. Dr. Klinghofer, too, had been under that impression when he went to visit the grave, but then learned that the poet is interred in Montmartre cemetery.

Mideast moves raise questions

By
WOLF BLITZER
WASHINGTON —

A senior Israeli official in Washington has expressed concern that a Bush administration, facing very serious budgetary problems resulting from the massive federal deficit, might be prepared to reduce U.S. foreign aid to Israel and other countries.

Meeting with reporters, the official also expressed alarm over indications that the new administration will move quickly to try to push through fresh U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia and other Arab states. Such sales, the official said, would help the U.S. balance of trade.

And the official, who asked not to be identified by name, said that Israel has already registered its strong opposition to the state department regarding the possible granting of an American entry visa to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to address the United Nations in the coming weeks.

The Israeli complaint was formally submitted in the past few days to Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Richard Murphy.

But several well-placed U.S. officials predicted that the U.S. would still eventually extend a limited visa to Arafat enabling him to speak before the General Assembly and to make other public appearances in New York City.

The Israeli official, while welcoming the very pro-Israel statements made by President-elect George Bush during the campaign, candidly described some of Israel's concerns, especially in the area of future U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel.

In recent years, Israel has been receiving $3 billion a year in all-grant aid from the United States — $1.8 billion in the military area; the remaining $1.2 billion in the economic area.

The official said that the U.S. has not discussed with Israel any possible cut in assistance, but he noted that mounting budgetary problems in Washington could force the administration and Congress to support "across-the-board" cuts in whole areas of the budget, including foreign aid.

Regarding possible U.S. arms sales to moderate Arab states, the official said that he was unaware of any specific requests already in the pipeline. But he said that Israel still anticipated some serious trouble in this area next year.

Israel, the official added, would attempt to explain to the Americans that any such sales would be bound to upset the arms balance in the region — undermining Israel's existing qualitative edge.

Regarding the stalled Arab-Israeli peace process, the official said that Bush and secretary of state-designate James Baker would continue the general outlines of the Reagan administration's approach, including support for the Shultz peace initiative.

The Bush administration, he continued, would maintain support for enhanced strategic cooperation with Israel. "They see Israel as a strategic asset," he said.

"Continuity is the key word," the Israeli official said, referring to U.S. policy under Bush.

But he noted that "changes on the ground" in the Middle East could affect U.S. policy. Thus, an aggressive Israeli settlement policy on the West Bank or moves to expell larger number of Palestinians could quickly strain American-Israeli relations.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is expected to come to the United States in March to meet with Bush and Baker, other U.S. and Israeli sources said.

Bush, who will be sworn in as President on Jan. 20, is also expected to receive several moderate Arab leaders shortly after he takes office.

Sources close to Bush agreed that the new President and secretary of state can be expected to continue the general thrust of the Reagan administration's policies toward the Middle East. "There will be no major departures," one informed source suggested.

The Bush sources also confirmed that former Texas Senator John Tower was still well-positioned to become secretary of defence.

Israeli officials and American Jewish political activists agreed that Tower had a "mixed" record in the Senate as far as Israel was concerned. But they added that since leaving the Senate, he has been considered more supportive. They recalled that he was among the Americans who came to Israel to attend the "roll-out" ceremonies for the ill-fated Lavi jet fighter. Tower, they added, was also very supportive of Israel during the Republican Party platform committee hearings.

Regarding Baker's appointment to succeed George Shultz as secretary of state, American Jewish leaders said that long-time Republican Jewish activist Max Fisher of Detroit has had a close relationship with Baker for many years. They predicted that Fisher will continue to serve as an important "backchannel" to the White House and the state department in the next administration.

Myerson trial symptomatic of nationwide anxiety

By
RICHARD COHEN

NEW YORK —

You cannot go anywhere here without someone mentioning the Bess Myerson trial. The former Jewish Miss America is charged with hiring a judge's daughter so that Myerson's boy friend could win a favorable ruling in his divorce case. The trial is gripping — not because it's about love and sex (an aging woman and a younger man), but because it's about children. They scare the wits out of us.

It's the judge's daughter who has our attention. Sukhreet Gabel, only child of Hortense and Milton, is 39 years old and what the press calls "emotionally troubled." She cannot find or hold a job. Her long, distasteful testimony represents a rebuke to parental indulgence, maybe even to parental love. Her mother wrote something like 400 letters in the daughter's behalf: Hire Sukhreet. Aged and nearly blind like King Lear, Hortense Gabel's daughter also turned on her mother.

Sukhreet taped phone conversations with her parents. Sukhreet testified against them. Sukhreet became the government's case. Daily she testified. Daily she entered the courtroom to hug her parents and be hugged in return. Then she sat in the witness chair and, in essence, told the jury that the job Myerson gave her was a bribe. She was hired so that her mother, the judge, would fix the divorce case.

Was there a parent — is there a parent — who can turn away from this trial? Is there a parent who does not know — does not fear — that having a child represents loss of control, a fling with fate? Is there a parent who does not sense that life has become too complicated, too tense and demanding? Are there parents who do not fear that life conspires to hurt us where we are most vulnerable: our children?

The Myerson trial only focused, in a dramatic way, a national anxiety about children that was exploited in the presidential campaign. The candidates paraded their children before us — a swarm of Bushes, a collection of Dukakises — not only to proclaim their worthiness as human beings, but to show that they know of our concern for our kids.

Our fear of drugs really amounts to a concern about children. If drug addiction were limited to adults, the problem would hardly be Public Issue Number One. The disintegration of community, the vanishing neighborhood school, the existence of a distinct youth culture (Who's Prince? What's a U2? And how do you play Dungeons and Dragons?) confuses and scares us.

Mothers are no longer in the home. Fathers work downtown. Children are in a day care, being raised by strangers. Teachers are transferred in and out of schools and school boundaries themselves change. The neighborhood, really an extended family, is endangered and the family itself teeters, buffeted and weaker than it ever was. Where are our kids and what are they up to?

Periodically, anxiety about children pitches the country into binges of irrationality. Just a couple of years ago, the faces of missing children were put on milk cartons. About 1.5 million children were missing, we were told, most of them snatched by strangers. It turned out that over 95% of these "missing children" were really runaways — and many of the rest were abducted by a parent as part of a custody fight. In 1984, the FBI reported only 68 cases of children abducted by strangers.

Similarly, we seem obsessed with the sexual abuse of children by strangers — stranger danger, it is called. "But most estimates indicate that 80-90% of reported cases of sexual abuse involve offenders known to the child," Neil Gilbert of the University of California writes in the current issue of The Public Interest. How can a young girl defend herself against a father, an uncle, a family friend? She cannot.

Of course, Sukhreet Gabel represents the very frontiers of parental anxiety — a horrible example, but one drawn from life. Only in personal consequence (and maybe intention) is it that much different than the case of Robert Morris, the 22-year-old Cornell student whose virus reportedly penetrated the security of a computer network, the very area of his father's expertise. Whatever the feeling of the father for the son (pride? anguish? both?) or the son for the father, here we have the juxtaposition of a machine that represents control (the computer) with loss of control (the child). We may not understand computers, but we know the network that really matters is between father and son.

In this city, the talk is of Sukhreet Gabel. The trial is ostensibly about the alleged corruption of a judge, but it grips us because it is really about what concerns and scares us the most: our children. It says something about our times that both parents and children share the same experience. Both now have nightmares.

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Call on Israel to refrain from making changes

Conservative Jews want Law of Return as is

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The government of Israel is asked not to make any change in the Law of Return in a resolution approved recently by the first Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism/Mercaz-Canada Conference at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

The 150 delegates from across Canada asked the Israel government to refrain from an amendment "that would appear to deny the legitimacy of non-Orthodox forms of Judaism."

Under the proposed amendment sanctioned by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, only conversions by Orthodox rabbis will be valid in Israel.

Another resolution of the Council, headed by William Abrams of Montreal and Ruth Bass of Toronto, "looks with special disfavor on recent attempts to exclude recognized Rabbis from access to community mikvahs throughout Canada."

It also expresses regret over any action that excludes any person, agency or organization from the use of community facilities, or from participation in community activities.

Reporting on the Israel-Diaspora relationship, Rabbbi Joseph Wernick, head of the Masorati, the Conservative movement in Israel, deplored the new strength of the ultra-Orthodox parties in the Knesset.

"If you have any friends who give to the Lubavitchers tell them to stop," he said. "I'm sick and tired of them trying to make us feel guilty.

"But we must not negate the UJA — they don't give money to the ultra-Orthodox groups."

Wernick says a "complicated" period lies ahead for Israel. "It may be necessary for Masorti to mount demonstrations. One thing is sure, we're not walking away from the problem, not after all we have done there."

The number of seats in the Knesset won by the ultra-Orthodox parties (18) is not the problem, the rabbi said.

"The numbers haven't changed, what has changed is that the National Religious Party has changed, it's messianic in approach, similar to Likud, it's gone further to the right." The NRP has five seats in the Knesset.

Wernick said he wished the Likud and Labor parties could get together to form a government. Those in Israel opposed to the influence of ultra-Orthodox parties managed to stage a demonstration recently with 40,000 people, he said.

Masorati is having an influence in the affairs of Israel, Wernick said, but will need to change its image and become more aggressive in its efforts to attract sabras and Sephardim to the Conservative movement. A total of 100 children, including Sephardi, attended Camp Ramah in Israel. Masorati has 10 schools there.

The movement takes no position on the fate of the territories, the rabbi said. "We don't take a political stand," he said. "We have people on the right and left. What concerns us is the extremism of the NRP. The religious kibbutzim are worried about it."

Helen Daniels, a Toronto delegate to the conference, said the time has come for Masorati to declare itself politically. "It's time to come of age," she said, to loud applause.

Wernick said it is necessary to educate Jewish children that aliya is an option.

"If we spent as much money on aliya (education as we do on the Holocaust it would not be a problem," said Rabbi Erwin Schild, of Adath Israel Congregation, who is president of Mercaz-Canada. "Our inspiration will not come from Auschwitz, it will come from Jerusalem."

Speaking in a session on the Canadian Mosaic, David Green, executive director of Agudas Israel Congregation in Saskatoon, said, "it is no secret in Winnipeg that there is as big an East-West split in the Canadian Jewish community as there is in national politics."

Standing, William Abrams, co-president, Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism, Herman Gottesman, president, Ontario Region, United Synagogue of America; sitting, Ruth Bass and Dr. Morton Lang, co-chairmen of the Council's first Canadian Conference.

The rising rate of intermarriage leaves the Conservative movement with no alternative but "to be Conservative and revolutionary at the same time," Green said.

He raised the problem of who is a Jew after a divorce in which one of the partners was converted. "It may be 20 years from now that we'll face this. We must press for equality of time for children of divorced parents so they don't lose contact with their Jewish parent."

In an address delivered largely in a lighter vein, Dr. Noam Chernick, president of Congregation Or Shalom in London, Ont., said: "Our rabbi's wife still has the key to the mikvah and I don't think that's the situation in Toronto."

A questionnaire revealed that 11 of the 15 congregations which responded to the survey (17 did not respond) do not count women in a minyan, 10 do not give aliyot to women and nine do not give bima honors to women.

Bat mitzvahs are allowed everywhere with all except for one which does not allow it on Shabbat.

All synagogues have women on their boards or as officers with six having women presidents now or in the past. Only one synagogue thought it might accept a woman rabbi, while all thought they could entertain the concept of a woman president.

Most of the synagogues permit "duchaning" (blessing by Cohanim on Yom Tov).

Another Canadian conference will be held in two years at a location to be determined.

Israeli jobless figures shock

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The cabinet has been jolted by the latest unemployment figures.

The number of jobless in Israel now stands at 26,000, compared to 16,000 a year ago, the ministers were told.

That represents an increase in the unemployment rate of 7% in the third quarter of this year from 5.6% in the last quarter of 1987.

Meanwhile, labor strife continues in the public and private sectors. El Al, the national airline, was paralyzed for three hours last week because of a wage dispute. Flights were not affected.

In Kiryat Gat, 220 employees of the Ligat clothing plant barricaded themselves in the factory, after management broke off talks on severance pay.

In other economic news, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim let it be known that he opposes a new devaluation of the shekel at this time.

According to Haim Haberfeld, head of Histadrut's trades unions department, the minister expressed himself during a meeting on the deteriorating economy with Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kesser.

Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, also opposes devaluation. But neither it nor Treasury has been able to quash rumors that a cheaper shekel is imminent.

The private sector continues to withdraw foreign currency as a hedge against devaluation. According to the Bank of Israel, tens of millions of dollars are leaving the country's banks every day.

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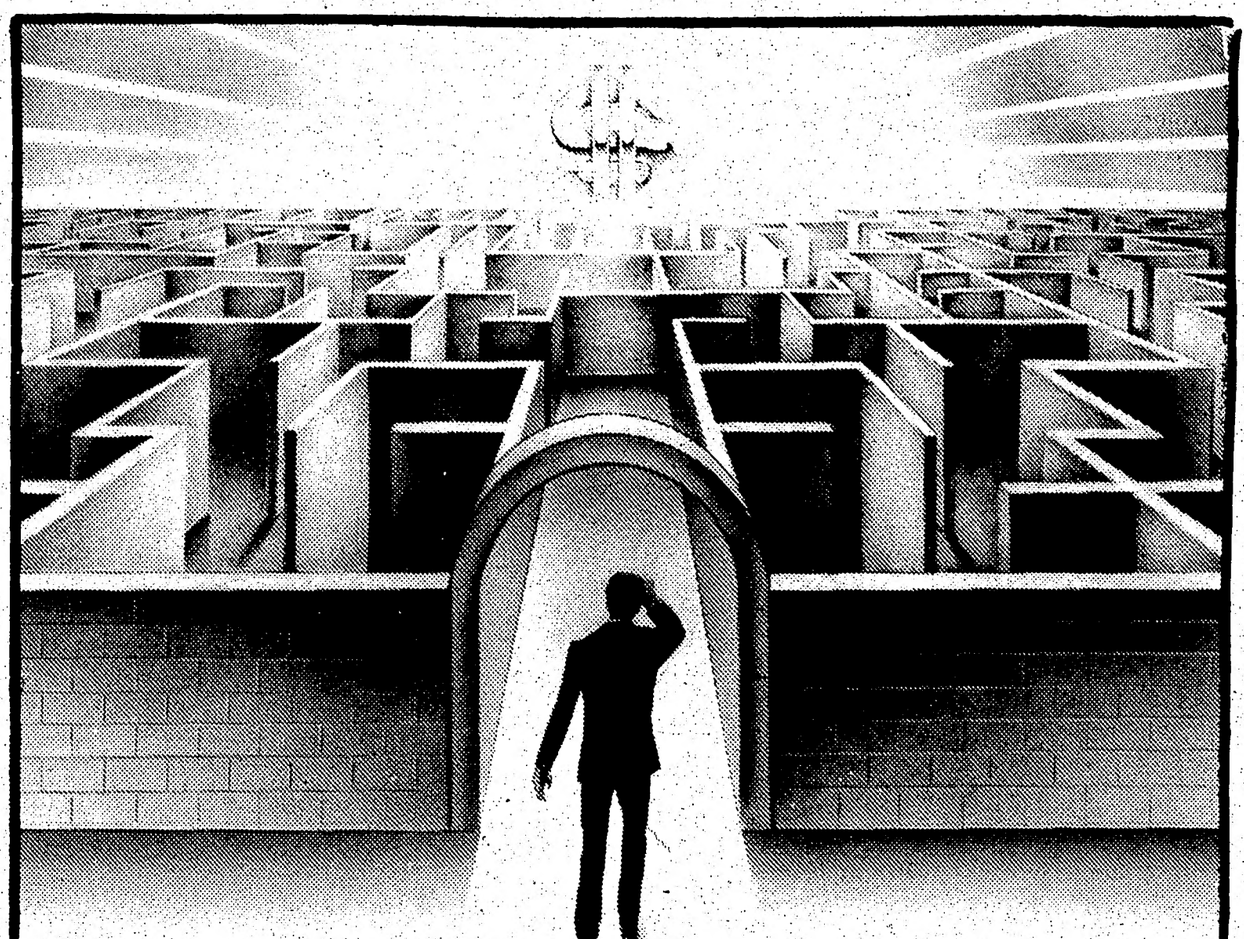

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: The law of the land requires that you have a clergyman or a judge officiate at a wedding. Does Judaism recognize the possibility of having a layman officiate?

Answer: No. In Tractate Kiddushin, 13a, Rab Yehudah states in the name of Shmuel: "Whoever is not well versed in the legal form of deeds of divorce and betrothal shall not occupy himself with them." Laymen are unlikely to have the special knowledge required for this.

Rabbi Burak

What happens when unqualified people do take on such officiating? The answer is given on the same page of the tractate, by Rab Assi in the name of Rabbi Yochanan: "And they are more injurious to the world than the generation of the flood, as it is said (in Hosea, Chapter 4:2) 'Swearing and lying, and killing and stealing, and committing adultery! They break all bounds, and blood toucheth blood.'

"What does this passage prove? This is as Rab Yosef translated it; 'They beget children from strange wives, thereby increasing crime upon crime;' and immediately after this is written, 'Therefore shall the land mourn, and everybody that dwelleth therein shall languish . . . yea also the fishes of the sea shall perish. . . .'"

Moral pollution is killing our whales.

Questions to ask

There are questions to ask before one officiates at a wedding, questions that only a qualified rabbi has the knowledge and the expertise to ask. Are the young people the children of their parents, or, were they adopted? If adopted, is there any documentation that they are Jewish? If the couple are related to each other, one must ask whether it is within the forbidden degrees of consanguinity.

But, aside from all this, the rabbinate has earned its place in the marriage ceremony. When anybody and everybody could officiate, some very strange things happened at weddings. The Talmud, in Tractate Gittin, 78a-78b, discusses the problem that arose when a man threw the wedding ring to his wife, and it landed some distance from her. What's the law?

Well, if it landed within four cubits of where she stood, she is a married woman. If it landed within his four cubits, she is not married. If it landed just at the point where the radius of his four cubits, and her four cubits, meet, she is both married and not married. A Beth Din is needed for that problem.

Aerial vows

The rabbanim have spared our young people and our old people from landing in this sort of mud. They instituted and enforced correct forms for marriage. Without them, we would have that chaos which exists in other faith groups, where, occasionally, the bride and the groom and the clergyman, all jump out of an airplane, and the vows are exchanged as they sail through the clouds.

In an earlier age we had our own inventive couples who sought strange places and strange patterns for marriage. Some marriages were by coition. Other marriages took place in the shuk. Others were entered into with great haste. Rab, the religious head of Babylonian Jewry found all of these most offensive.

For their disappearance, we owe him a debt of gratitude. He took strong measures against all of these patterns of dishonor. So we read in Tractate Kiddushin, 12b: "Rab ordered lashing for one who marries in the shuk, or by coition, and for one that betrothes a woman without any preliminary negotiations."

Rabbi Avraham Haim Freiman, in his Seder Kiddushin ve-Nissuin (Jerusalem, 1964) page 20-21, tells us that Rab Yehudai Gaon z.l. set down the rules for a proper marriage. He demanded that all the formalities be in public. But, even more than this: he ruled that any variation from this program would make the marriage invalid, null and void.

If only we had his strength.

Europeans fail to give recognition

BRUSSELS (JTA) — The Palistinians recieved a pat on the head last week from the European Community, but got no recognition of the independent state proclaimed Nov. 15 by Yasser Arafat at the meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers.

The anxiously awaited communique of the 12 European foreign ministers who convened here praised "the Palestinian acceptance of UN security Council Resolution 242 and 338 as a basis for an international peace conference.

That, according to the communique, implies that the Palestinians accept the right of "all states in the region, including Israel," to exist within secure borders.

The statement also reaffirmed the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination "with all that this implies" without elaborating.

Observers here characterized the communique as "timid" and "cautious."

Its general formulations and stilted language indicated that European Community nations, such as Greece, that seemed on the verge of recognizing an independent Palestine, were restrained by their more circumspect partners.

In any event, no substantive recommendations seem to have been formulated to submit to the EC chiefs of state and heads of government, who are scheduled to gather Dec. 2 and 3 at Rhodes, Greece, for their next summit meeting.

For the time being, the 12 foreign ministers were satisfied by what they called the PNC's explicit condemnation of terrorism. They urged all concerned parties to "seize this occasion and contribute positively to the peace process."

The 12-nation body reiterated its call for an international peace conference under United Nations sponsorship, "which is the appropriate framework for the necessary negotiations between the parties directly interested."

But the ministers failed to say who should represent the Palestinians at such a conference.

According to diplomatic sources here, Spain, France, Italy and Greece wanted to include in the communique reference to United Nations General Assembly Resolution 181 of Nov. 29, 1947. No longer recognized by Israel, it called for the partition of Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states.

Holland, Britain and Denmark reportedly opposed the reference.

The Arabs have only just accepted 181, some four decades later. The Israelis claim it was nullified by the Arab invasion of May 15, 1948, the day after Israel proclaimed its independence.

Although Greece, which currently holds the rotating chairmanship of the EC Council of Ministers wanted a more "forthcoming" expression, Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias seemed satisfied at the end.

"The position adopted is a compromise which satisfies the minimalists and the maximalists," he said after the meeting.

According to the diplomatic sources, all 12 ministers wanted to avoid unilateral steps toward the Palestinians before the Rhodes summit.

Greek sources said Athens "for the moment" would not recognize the Palestinian state proclaimed in Algiers.

Greece is the only EC country that does not have full diplomatic relations with Israel. Reports said that the Greeks would announce recognition of the Palestinian state and simultaneously extend de jure recognition to Israel.

Apparently that scenario will not materialize for the present. The issue is still open, Papoulias said in response to a question.

But he repeated his proposal that the EC ministers invite Arafat to a meeting to explain to them "unambiguously" the meaning of the Algiers declarations.

Israel and the PLO lobbied vigorously to influence EC policy on the declared Palestinian state.

Israel's diplomatic offensive was headed here by its ambassador to Belgium, Avi Primor.

Israel considers the PNC meeting in Algiers to have changed nothing because its statements were misleading and obscure.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres apparently made that point in a letter to the EC ministers prior to their meeting here.

It did not go over too well. Some of them called the letter "disappointing." The Italian foreign minister, Giulio Andreotti, said he could "not understand Peres' motivations."

PLO representative Shawki Armali seemed optimistic when he told a Belgian television interviewer here that "there have already been statements from some European Community member states that go in the right direction."

He named France, Italy and Spain.

The controversy is simmering in another EC institution, the Strasbourg-based Parliament of Europe.

The largest single faction there, the Socialists, invited Arafat to address them last month.

The chairman of the faction, West Germany's Rudi Arndt, has already urged the EC national leaders to put recognition at the top of their Rhodes meeting agenda.

Arndt, stressing that the PLO in Algiers "has accepted Israel's right to exist and has renounced the use of violence," said that the EC summit meeting "must undertake efforts to convene an international Mideast conference."

Lord Plumb of Britain, president of the European Parliament, has expressed hope that the latest developments "will prove to be steps in the right direction, namely toward peace and reconciliation."

Plumb met last week with a delegation of the European Jewish Congress. According to informed sources, he spoke privately with Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, and with Jean Kahn, president of the congress.

Both tried to persuade the European Parliament to reject the Algiers proclamation at its next session.

Israel, U.S. block peace, says Hussein

WASHINGTON (JTA) — It is Israel and the United States, rather than the Palestine Liberation Organization, that are blocking Middle East peace negotiations, King Hussein of Jordan claimed last week.

"I believe if there is any intransigence — and there is indeed — it is in the Israeli position that hasn't changed, and up to now the United States position," he said in an interview on CBS-TV's Face the Nation program.

Hussein said that both PLO leader Yasser Arafat and the Palestine National Council at its meeting in Algiers have accepted the conditions the United States has set for meeting with the PLO.

The Reagan administration says that the PNC statements are still ambiguous about these conditions, which are recognition of Israel's right to exist, acceptance of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and renouncing terrorism.

"I believe that our friends in Washington better go back and look at the papers and positions they (the PNC) adopted," Hussein said. "They will find that there is no difference between their initial demands and requests and suggestions, and what the PLO has come through with now."

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Recognition of Palestinian state

Israel, Egypt avoid crisis after Cairo move

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and Egypt have apparently agreed to avoid a crisis over Egypt's recognition of the independent Palestinian state proclaimed by Yasser Arafat in Algiers Nov. 15.

Israel's protest to Cairo was relatively mild and the Egyptian response was conciliatory.

Shimon Shamir, Israel's ambassador to Egypt, met with Foreign Minister Esmet Abdel Meguid in Cairo.

He said afterwards that the Egyptian minister stressed the new situation could be used constructively to advance the peace process.

Shamir told Army Radio later that the question is not how Israel should react, but rather how to pursue the peace process in light of the new development.

His remarks reflected a consensus in the foreign ministry that there is no point in getting overly excited by the Egyptian move, which was not unexpected.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had summoned Mohammed Basiouny, the Egyptian ambassador, to convey Israel's displeasure.

He told the envoy that Israel viewed the Egyptian step with gravity "since it contrasted with the peace treaty and with the desire of both countries to proceed with the peace process."

Basiouny emerged from the meeting with Peres reiterating Egypt's commitment to the peace process.

He said his government regarded its move as positive and intended to continue to try to bring about conciliation between the Israelis and Palestinians.

The Israelis were nevertheless disturbed when it became clear — after conflicting reports from Cairo — that Egypt joined with more than 30 countries in formally recognizing an independent Palestine.

The Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty of 1979 is grounded in the Camp David Accords, which prescribe a 5-year period of autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip after which permanent status would be decided.

Those provisions have not been implemented, but recognition of the declaration by Palestine Liberation Organization chief Arafat could be interpreted as a violation of Camp David.

Although Arafat did not specify the boundaries of the Palestinian state, they are generally seen as encompassing the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The foreign ministry evidently does not view the Egyptian move as gravely as the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Yossi Ben-Aharon.

He said that Egypt's recognition was a gross violation of the Camp David agreements.

But there seems little likelihood that the Labor-Likud caretaker government will make an issue of the dispute.

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Meanwhile in Paris, French President Francois Mitterand has recognized the right of the Palestinians to an independent state.

His remarks, in an interview published last week, coincided with reports that France will upgrade the Palestine Liberation Organization's mission in Paris, though not to full diplomatic status.

The leftist daily Liberation quoted Mitterand as saying that "the Palestinian nation is emerging as such among the other nations of the world and is identified as such."

He added that "France recognizes the right of the Palestinians to live in a territory with the status of an independent state."

Until now, Mitterand and previous French presidents have spoken only of the Palestinians' right to a homeland.

Mitterand said the proclamation of an independent Palestinian state by PLO chief Yasser Arafat in Algiers on Nov. 15 "changed in depth" the Middle East situation.

He said legal factors prevented France from recognizing the Palestinian state. But "the way has now been mapped" to such recognition, he added without elaboration.

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The Canada-Israel Committee, in a statement released in Ottawa, said:

The Canada-Israel Committee is disappointed by the outcome of the Palestine National Council's meeting in Algiers. The PLO has failed once again to recognize Israel or to take any other positive step which might help to achieve peace.

Direct negotiations are the only vehicle which can lead to peace and a just settlement of Palestinian grievances. The PLO did nothing in Algiers to facilitate the opening of such negotiations. Instead, it chose to make a unilateral declaration of independence, which accomplished nothing tangible for the Palestinians and can only have reaffirmed, for Israelis, that the PLO remains unwilling to resolve the Middle East conflict through negotiations and compromise.

The PLO did not recognize Israel in Algiers, either explicitly or otherwise. It did not abandon its covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel. While the PNC's political program did mention Security Council Resolution 242, this reference was rendered virtually meaningless by being placed in the context of all other UN resolutions on the Palestinians. Many of these resolutions seek to isolate Israel, brand Zionism as racism, or try to impose a settlement on terms which would lead to Israel's dismemberment.

As for terrorism, the PNC merely affirmed the position which the PLO has espoused for several years. It condemned "terror in all its forms," but reaffirmed the PLO's right to continue its "struggle" against the "occupation" (the code words for the PLO terrorism against Israel), and encouraged the Palestinians in the territories to intensify their violent uprising.

The Canada-Israel Committee remains convinced that a peaceful, just settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the achievement of legitimate Palestinian aspirations, is possible. We call on Palestinian leaders to take the steps necessary to realizing this possibility, by recognizing Israel clearly and unambiguously and by declaring a willingness to enter into direct negotiations with Israel.

IDF taking preemptive steps as intifada anniversary nears

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israel Defence Force appears to be mounting a major effort to break the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip before its 1-year anniversary on Dec. 9.

The intention apparently is to convince the Palestinians they are paying too high a price in blood, with nothing to show for it. The IDF says the strategy is working.

A 13-year-old Arab youngster, Amar Khalail, died last week of wounds sustained in a violent clash with IDF soldiers in Beita village, near Nablus.

Although an escalation of disturbances connected with Yasser Arafat's Nov. 15 proclamation of an independent Palestinian state seems increasingly unlikely, the IDF is continuing to impose selective curfews. They are aimed at "forestalling disturbances," the military says.

The IDF also has been conducting almost daily pre-emptive raids on Arab villages, such as the one on Beita. The official justification is to "deflate nationalist elements" who might feel like celebrating "independence," even if peacefully.

Security sources said the large show of force by the IDF during the first half of the month prompted the Arabs to reevaluate the situation in view of their collective suffering.

Arab sources were said to agree. A grocer in Nablus, Ahmad Masri, was quoted as saying, "OK, so they declared a Palestinian state. How does it change our lives?"

Gen. Amram Mitzna, commander of the central sector, which includes the West Bank, said that the IDF intends to take advantage of its successes of the past 10 days to keep the territories quiet and further reduce violence.

This probably means that mass arrests of activists, curfews and pre-emptive raids will continue.

Meanwhile, rocket-firing Israel air force jets leveled buildings at the Ein Hilweh refugee camp, the largest in Lebanon.

They were followed by four helicopter gunships that strafed the coastal road southwest of Sidon.

All aircraft returned safely to their bases, although they encountered anti-aircraft fire from guns and shoulder-launched SAM-7 missiles.

The Israel Defence Force claimed at least three terrorists were killed and nine wounded in the dual attack, Israel's 24th air strike against targets in Lebanon this year.

Reports from Lebanon said the jets made four rocket sorties over the camp, flattening a building used by Force 17, a special unit of Arafat's wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization. A PLO dormitory also was destroyed.

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Shilansky 1st Holocaust survivor to occupy Knesset post

Election of Speaker marred by name-calling

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Dov Shilansky of the Likud was elected Speaker of the 12th Knesset last week in the most acrimonious and undignified Knesset opening ever.

What was to have been a festive inauguration of the newly-elected legislature was marred by a speech from Acting Speaker Yair Sprinzak (Moledet), who deeply offended Arab and left-wing Knesset members, who protested noisily. They were later castigated from the podium by Finance Minister Moshe Nissim for "shaming the Knesset in the eyes of the Israeli people and the entire world."

Shilansky, Herut's stormy petrel, was elected by 64 votes to 55. He was supported by the entire right-wing and Orthodox bloc after a failed last-minute attempt by Labor's Moshe Shahal to postpone the election of a Speaker.

Amid pandemonium that had a dozen or so Knesset members clustered at the presidium table clamoring for the attention of Sprinzak and Knesset clerk Shmuel Jacobson, left-wing representatives did an about-turn on their declarations of allegiance. They had earlier amended their declarations in protest against Sprinzak's occupancy of the Speaker's chair, and had thus disqualified themselves from participation in the election.

They subsequently succeeded in declaring allegiance according to the accepted rubric and thus won the right to vote. But the die was cast and the long, unedifying hour was over.

The session started as planned. The plenum was packed. Notable among the members was a pale Mordechai Virshubski, who made a massive effort to attend just 10 days after open-heart surgery. Former Knesset members sat on folding chairs at the back of the chamber. In the crowded VIP gallery were Supreme Court justices, the two chief rabbis, heads of the various communities and members of the general staff and the police.

The trumpets sounded a festive fanfare welcoming President Chaim Herzog. The vast crowd stood to attention for Hatikvah, whereupon the first departure from precedent was registered.

Instead of the anthem being led by a mixed choir, which had on three previous occasions been greeted by a walkout by the ultra-Orthodox, a skull-capped Dudu Fisher, star of the musical Les Miserables, stepped to the microphone. As the crowd's singing of the anthem swelled through the chamber, the ultra-Orthodox were conspicuously silent, with Agudat Yisrael's Moshe Feldman covering his face with his large black hat and swaying as though in prayer. Shas's Yitzhak Peretz made his way to the otherwise full cabinet table only after the anthem was sung.

Herzog's opening speech warned of the dangers facing Israeli society and of the Knesset's duty to lead the nation into the paths of democracy and tolerance.

There was no hint of the storm to come as Herzog called on Sprinzak, the oldest member of the House, to make his declaration of loyalty and chair the session.

Sprinzak, who had been instructed to speak for a "few minutes," launched into a rambing speech that began with a memoir of his father, Yosef Sprinzak, the first Knesset Speaker. He said he hoped his father's memory would not suffer in the cause of his foray into politics.

"It will, it will!" called Michael Zohar from the Labor benches.

"Unworthy son of a worthy father!" shouted Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) as Sprinzak began to describe his own career in a movement that advocates the "transfer" of the Arab population.

A howl of protest went up from Tawfik Ziad (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), and this was echoed by angry shouts from the CRM, Mapam and the Progressive List for Peace, all of whose members sported badges proclaiming "No to racism!"

As the left-wing parties staged a mini-walkout to the sides of the chamber, backed by a few laborites, notably Arye "Lova" Eliav and Avrum Burg, the Likud benches began their own counter-protest, and Sprinzak's speech came to a close.

Solemnly, he warned the Knesset members that all they should say as they were called to pledge allegiance was "I so pledge."

A hush came over the chamber as the roll-call began. Three names were called and all went well.

Then came the turn of Mapam's Haim "Jumas" Oron and the kibbutznik sprang to his feet. "I pledge to keep the laws of the State of Israel and to fight against racism and racists," he proclaimed, as shouting broke out.

"That is not the proper form. You have not pledged allegiance," countered Sprinzak.

And thus it went on, through the CRM, Mapam, DFPE, PLP and Arab Democratic Party lists, with each member making his pledge to combat racism.

The House held its breath as Burg, one of two skull-capped Labor members and the only one to support the left-wing protests, rose to say: "I pledge to remain faithful to the Torah which commands us to refrain from oppressing the stranger for we ourselves were strangers in Egypt!" But that formulation, too, was ruled out of order.

The roll-call over, Sprinzak moved on to the next business of the House, the election of the Speaker.

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Likud's Dov Shilansky, the new Knesset Speaker, is — as he himself pointed out in his maiden speech — the first Holocaust survivor to occupy that post. Shilansky lost his closest relatives in the Holocaust and went through a number of concentration camps, including Dachau.

In an interview earlier, he said that if elected Speaker he would not receive any visiting dignitaries from Germany, but would send deputy speakers to take his place.

Born in Lithuania in 1924, he was a member of the Betar Revisionist youth movement which later formed the backbone of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and then today's Herut party.

After the Allies liberated the camps, he became active in the Irgun's European arm, eventually serving as its commander in Germany and in Italy.

Shilansky arrived in Israel shortly after the declaration of independence aboard the Irgun arms ship Altalena which was sunk off Tel Aviv by order of Premier Ben-Gurion.

He achieved national notoriety 36 years ago during violent Herut protests against the German reparations agreement. He carried a case full of explosives into the foreign ministry buildings in Tel Aviv, was caught and sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment. He served 16 months.

Shilansky has a law degree from the Hebrew University and until recently was a practicing lawyer.

A Herut stalwart on the activist fringe of the party, he first entered the Knesset in 1977. He was appointed deputy minister at the Prime Minister's Office in 1981. In 1984, he became chairman of the Knesset interior committee.

As interior committee chairman, he insisted on making official visits to the Temple Mount to check allegations about illegal Moslem construction work there. His visits were interpreted as provocative acts by Moslem clerics. They required the escort of hundreds of policemen and in one case provoked a riot. After complaints by police and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, there were no further visits.

Rightist coalition urged

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Ariel Sharon, Likud's most outspoken hard-liner, is urging his party to establish a new government quickly with the extreme right-wing and ultra-Orthodox parties.

He was quoted Sunday as saying Premier Yitzhak Shamir "can present a government this week."

Sharon seems to be spurred by speculation that Shamir may be having second thoughts about aligning Likud with the ultra-Orthodox and the secular right.

According to Israel Radio, some Likud members are urging the Prime Minister to reject the small parties and cut a deal with Labor. The purpose would be to avoid paying the price demanded by the ultra-Orthodox factions. Last week, the Labor Party leadership said that there was "no further basis for negotiations" with Likud for the creation of a broad-based coalition government.

The religious parties have exacted from Shamir a promise to push through the Knesset the divisive Who is a Jew amendment to the Law of Return.

The amendment, introduced by the religious parties, would deny automatic Israeli citizenship to persons converted by non-Orthodox rabbis.

If Shamir wavers, it would have much to do with the unprecedented opposition by Diaspora Jewry, especially in the United States, to the Who Is a Jew amendment.

Though the measure would directly affect relatively small numbers of potential citizens, it would be a devastating slap at Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist Judaism, which represent the vast majority of affiliated Jews in the United States and other nations of the Diaspora.

No other issue in Israel's 40 years of statehood has so galvanized the Diaspora leadership.

A Likud alliance with Labor would offer a way out of the controversy.

Shamir was quoted Sunday as saying he had no option but to align with the religious extremists. But Likud sources said the party's position will emerge later this week.

Against that background, Sharon is assuring the Orthodox and right-wing parties that Shamir will not abandon them.

He complained that the news media persists in calling a rightist government a "narrow cabinet." According to Sharon, it would be "a cabinet that can take decisions" and "that above all is what we need at this time."

He added that he has "heard nothing" to substantiate reports that Shamir is prepared to offer the finance ministry to Shimon Peres, a portfolio Labor is said to be willing to accept.

Meanwhile, two members of Likud's Liberal wing, Yitzhak Modai and Uriel Lynn, have taken a negative view of the Who Is a Jew amendment.

Meir Sheetrit, a former Likud Knesset member, now treasurer of the Jewish Agency, has been waging a campaign against the amendment. He has warned in media interviews of the grave financial and political repercussions it would inevitably have on American Jewish support of Israel.

Leon Dulzin, another former Liberal leader and a former chairman of the World Zionist Organization-Jewish Agency Executive, told the Jerusalem Post that the amendment would gravely damage Israel's ties with the Diaspora.

The National Religious Party is also split on the issue. Both the party leader, Prof. Avner Shaki, and its secretary-general, Rabbi Yitzhak Levy, have long advocated the Who Is a Jew amendment and their support is said to be firm.

NRP moderates, however, are urging the party to back off from its support.

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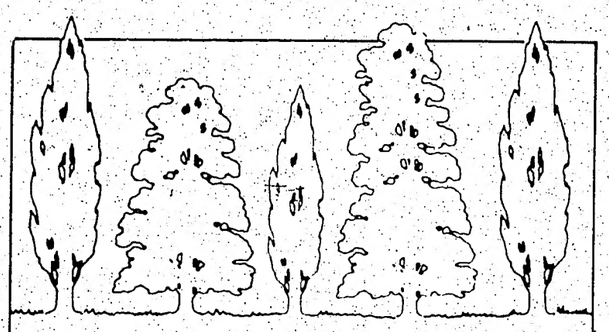

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By DAVID BIRKAN

Chassidic Rabbi Gershon Cheinoch Leiner adopted the blue thread on his tallit, on the first day of Chanukah, 1889. This much-considered innovation by the Baal Hetecheilet (master of the blue thread) caused a furor among traditional Jews.

The Torah prescribes the tallit as one of the 613 mitzvot incumbent on Jewish men. The *tallit gadol* (large) was worn as an outer garment until the fall of the Temple, the disruption of Jewish life in the Holy Land, and the consequent large-scale dispersion. A rabbinic decree allowed for its use only during morning prayer, throughout the day on Yom Kippur, and during the afternoon service of Tisha B'Av. The *tallit katan* (small) was adopted in Germany and Spain about 1,000 years later for all day use, worn as a kind of undershirt with its fringes tucked in or left out.

Numbers 15:38 specifies the inclusion of a strand of blue among the fringes at each corner of the tallit. Blue, speculated talmudic Rabbi Meir, "is the color of the sea. The sea resembles the heavens, and the heavens remind us of the Throne of Glory." The preparation of the dye from a species of mollusk called *chilazon* became the long-time monopoly of a group of families living on the coast of the Holy Land. Disruptions and dispersions effaced their art by the time the far inland community of Babylon completed its Talmud. The Midrash Rabbah and later Maimonides noted the color's loss. All the threads were now white; the blue was recalled in stripes adorning the body of the tallit — a popular custom to this day but not one with the force of law.

Innovative scholar

Gershon Cheinoch was born in the chassidic centre of Izbica, Poland, in 1939, the grandson of the founder of the Izbica-Radzyn dynasty. A promising and innovative scholar, his commentary on the Mishnah order Tohorot — only one of its tractates, Nidah, was explored by the Talmud — earned him wide acclaim upon its publication in 1873. To ease the Vilna Beit Din's objection to its Talmud-like format, subsequent editions included a 1-sentence disclaimer on each page.

Gershon Cheinoch believed that the restoration of the blue thread would be one step towards the Redemption, writes Harry Rabinowicz in *Hasidism: The Movement and its Masters*. Gershon Cheinoch presented the conflicting views on the blue thread, in a 38-page booklet published in 1883. Four years later, he undertook extensive marine studies in Naples. He visited the Vatican where he apparently examined garments of Jerusalem's High Priest, including the plate of gold held in position by a blue thread. His research culminated in a 206-page treatise claiming the rediscovery of the chilazon, which he identified as a member of the squid family. On Chanukah, 1889, he began wearing the blue thread in his own tallit.

Change rejected

With philanthropic support, Gershon Heinoch established a factory in Radzyn for the manufacture of blue-threaded tzitzit. Some 12,000 Radzyner chassidim were soon wearing such tallesim, with one blue strand in every group of eight threads. They were also adopted with modification by the Bratzlaver chassidim, who preferred two in every eight.

Other religious leaders, both chassidic and mitnagid (the chassidim's opponents) refused to accept what they considered unjustified innovation. The chassidic leaders of Ger, Sochaczew, and Lublin rejected his gesture in no uncertain terms. Rabbis Joshua of Kutno, Elchanan Spector, Meir Arik, and Hillel Moshe ben Zvi were among the mitnagdim who decried the practice.

In an era of westernization and widespread defection from traditional Judaism, the revival of a custom declared by landmark sages as hidden or past was regarded as an affront to tradition. The messianic overtones of Gershon Cheinoch's act led to his being accused of trying to hasten the Redemption, a charge also laid against the *chalutzim* (pioneers) setting out to recolonize the Holy Land. He was also accused of intellectual vanity and chutzpah, a kind of grandstanding in the name of the Torah.

Gershon Cheinoch rebutted their charges in a 250-page treatise, published posthumously. One of his few supporters was Rabbi Akiva Shlesinger, a founder of Petach Tikva.

Jurisdiction of human rights inquiry challenged

Malcolm Ross case reaches courts

By PAUL LUNGEN

MONCTON, NB — The Malcolm Ross case reached the courts this week as lawyers for the provincial Human Rights Commission, the District 15 School Board and the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation contested the commission's jurisdiction to investigate the "climate of discrimination" at the Magnetic Hill School.

At the heart of the dispute is a contention that the Human Rights Act makes no provision for an inquiry into such a case and that an investigation would violate the rights of confidentiality of students and teachers at the school.

The NBTF contends that the commission does not have jurisdiction to issue an order to terminate Ross' employment.

No decision had been rendered by Court of Queen's Bench Justice Richard Miller prior to The CJN news deadline.

Malcolm MacLeod, co-president of the teachers' union, said the federation was duty-bound to intervene in the case, since Ross' continued employment is in jeopardy.

The federation, which represents 8,000 members in matters relating to the teachers' collective agreement, believes the commission "does not have the right to issue an order with the same weight as a court," ordering the termination of Ross' employment, MacLeod said.

Under terms of the collective agreement, a teacher can be fired only for "a just cause," and since Ross has not been found guilty of any offence, the federation would be obliged to challenge a commission order to dismiss Ross, he said.

"Our scope is very narrow," he added. "We're concerned with his contractual rights."

Carl Ross (no relation), chairman of the school board, told The CJN "we feel the commission erred in accepting the complaint; it erred in its investigation of the complaint and we are questioning the appropriateness of the board of inquiry."

He said there is nothing in the Human Rights Act to give the commission jurisdiction to deal with the case.

However, Manuel Prutschi, executive director of the joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, said Congress supports the argument of Moncton parent David Attis, who brought the complaint against the school board.

Prutschi said Congress, which aids Attis with background material, research and advice, believes the provincial human rights legislation covers the Ross situation.

Attis, who is a member of Congress' national executive, filed the complaint arguing the school board violated section 5 (1) (b) of the Human Rights Act, which states: "No person...shall discriminate against any person or class of persons with respect to any accommodation, services or facilities available to the public, because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, place of origin..."

Attis contends that the school board, by employing Ross throughout the controversy that has erupted around him, is contributing to an atmosphere of discrimination at the school.

Malcolm Ross, a teacher in the Magnetic Hills School, has published books and letters questioning the Holocaust and alleging a worldwide Jewish conspiracy against Christianity.

Provincial attorneys general spanning two administrations have declined to prosecute Ross under the federal anti-hate laws, with current Attorney General Jim Lockyer stating the Criminal Code section is not strong enough to ensure conviction.

An internal probe by the school board, never made public, found that Ross had not communicated his views in class, and it declined to take action against him other than to order him not to publish similar books.

Prutschi said it is Congress' view that "it is of great importance to the Jewish community...to minorities...and to everyone concerned with human rights to have the instrument of the law to confront racism."

The issue in the case, he continued, is not Ross. "The complaint, in a sense, is alleging a social problem in the school system and beyond.

"The purpose of the Human Rights Act, in our view, is to remedy the social problem of discrimination and the inquiry is there to identify if the problem is there and to issue recommendations for a remedy."

Carl Ross told The CJN that the case, which is ostensibly about "management practices of the school board" has expanded to include the issues of free speech and anti-semitism.

It is difficult to determine whether a climate of bias has been created, he suggested, when there is no consensus on what is hate literature and what are the parameters of free speech for a teacher who expresses his personal views outside the class room.

"We don't feel well enough equipped" to deal with that, he said, adding that if there was clear evidence Ross had brought his views into the classroom, he would be ordered to "stop doing it or stop being a teacher."

Ross noted the school board had offered to provide human rights investigators with the internal probe of the Ross case and with the names and addresses of former Ross students, but withdrew the offer when the commission would not guarantee confidentiality of the records.

In the meantime, Malcolm Ross returned to teaching after a 4-day paid leave of absence, prompted by concerns of a media "feeding frenzy" that would disrupt the school.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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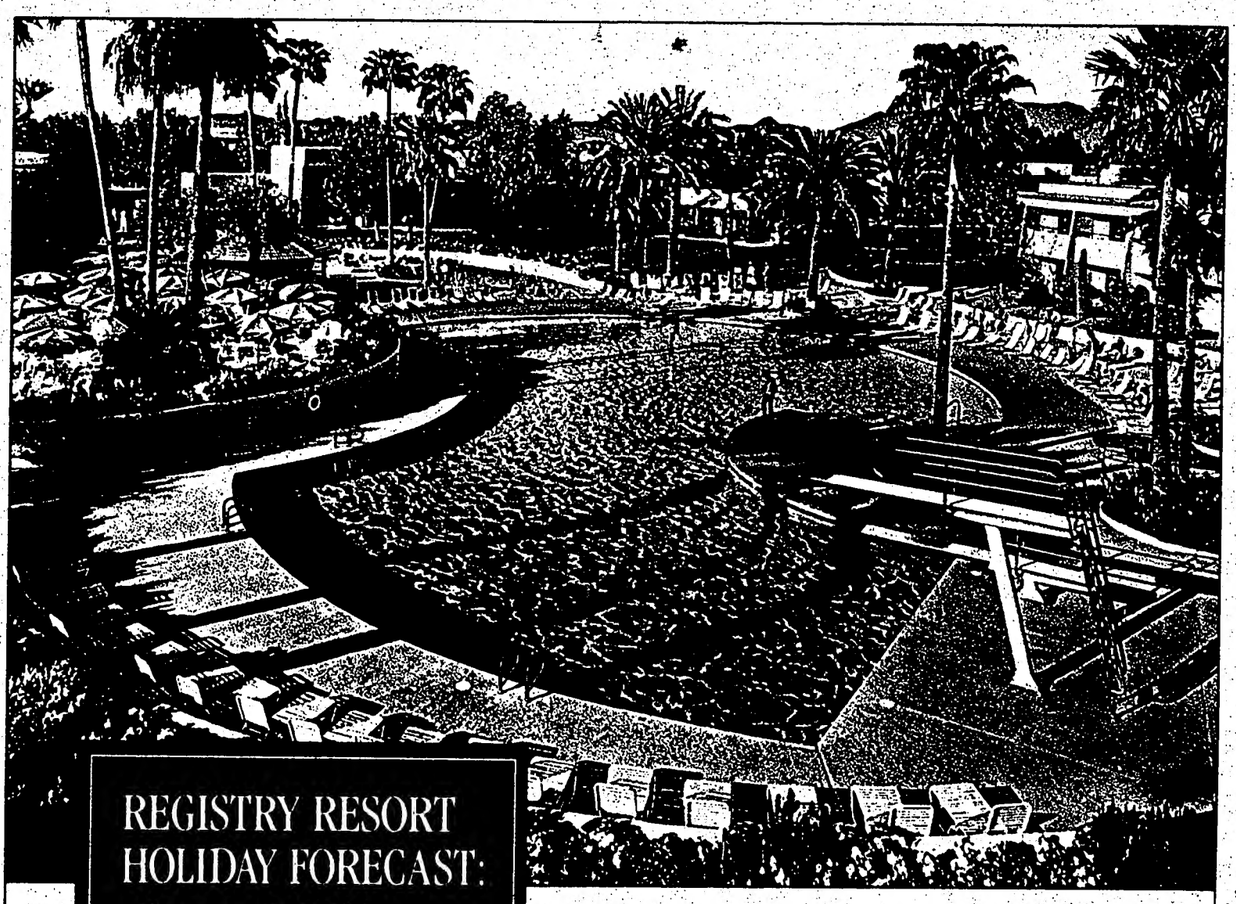
YONTEF — GUT SHABBES

I am indebted to my good friend Ben Kayfetz, the retired director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, for sharing with me nuggets which his eagle eye discovers from time to time.

YONTEF and YOMTOV are names that I have seen. They come from the Hebrew words YOM (day) TOV (good) and combine to form the common but redundant Yiddish words GUT YONTEF for holiday greetings.

In this category is the surname GUT SHABBES which he discovered in a Yiddish publication. Literally, it translates to good Sabbath.



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Bitter dispute

It is a lamentable fact that one of the noblest statutes in Israel's legal system has now become a cause for bitter dispute.

The Hok Hashevut, or Law of Return, was enacted by Israel's parliamentarians coincidental with the rise of the State of Israel as a reaction to the callousness of what Emil Fackenheim has called the half-democracies.

In the 1930s and early 1940s those countries, among which Canada is included, turned a blind eye to Jewish efforts to immigrate to their shores. Country after country raised its barriers to prevent Jews from escaping Nazism and in the end millions who could have been saved, perished in the Holocaust.

Mindful of this horror and anxious to prevent its repetition the founding fathers of Israel promulgated a law which would guarantee immediate citizenship to any Jew who came to the country. The legislators decided, in their collective wisdom, not to define the word Jew.

Forty-one years later, because of the alchemy of Israeli coalition politics, representatives of Israel's Haredi, or ultra Orthodox factions are pressuring Yitzhak Shamir to amend the Law of Return in such a way that non-Orthodox converts to Judaism would be barred from Israel under the provisions of the law.

The Argentinian writer Borges once called democracy "an abuse of statistics." Never has that dictum been more relevant than in Israel when a group representing 18% of the Israeli electorate can presume to dictate to the other 82% a definition of Judaism which is bound to alienate not merely the majority of the Israeli population but the millions of Diaspora Jews whose self-identity does not conform to the Haredi conception of who is a Jew.

The issue is not the handful of annual immigrants to Israel who might be affected by an amendment in the Law of Return. The issue is one of principle — whether a religious faction in Israel can use the levers of political maneuvering in order to legislate the definition of the Jewish essence.

It used to be said that while Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews were deeply divided on questions of theology and practice, they were all united on the issue of Israel's reemergence into history and its primacy in Jewish life. That unifying element in Jewish life will be put to a severe test if the Law of Return is changed.

Joyous festival

The joyous festival of Chanukah, celebrated annually beginning on the 25th day of Kislev (this year the night of Dec. 3), commemorates an epoch-making struggle between the Hasmoneans and their pagan persecutors.

The event goes back to hoary antiquity. In the year 165 BCE Judah the Maccabee and his four brothers, all members of the Hasmonean family, obtained a great victory over the Syrian-Greeks under Antiochus IV, King of Syria.

Under his tutelage the pagans tried, with some success, it should be noted, to force the Jews to adopt the religious norms of the Hellenistic world. In implementing this plan the Syrian-Greeks attempted to prevent the observance of sacred Jewish rites including circumcision, Sabbath observance, the study of the Torah and the Temple service.

Enraged at this attempt to destroy Judaism, Judah the Maccabee and his glorious brothers organized an armed rebellion against the pagan overlords of their land. In the year 165 BCE the Hasmoneans recaptured the Temple but only (according to the Mishna in Megillat Taanit 9) after eight furious days of combat.

The Talmud (Shabbat 21b) records that when the Temple was retaken, Judah's forces could find only one undefiled jug of oil which was kindled. The flame continued to burn for eight days — in commemoration of which candles are lit for the same number of days in our own time.

The modern festivities associated with Chanukah — the use of the draydel, the bestowal of Chanukah gelt to children, the eating of latkes (and doughnuts in Israel) and cheese products — should not obscure the important spiritual message offered by the holiday.

There were many in the time of Judah the Maccabee who were prepared to accept the gift of assimilation presented by the pagans. Luckily there were others who were not willing to sell the Jewish birthright for a bowl of Syrian-Greek pottage.

On Chanukah we honor the memory of Judah the Maccabee and his comrades, those stalwart defenders of the Jewish faith who gave of themselves so that the Jewish people and Judaism would live on.

Jews own evangelical stations

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The failed attempt by a Canadian Orthodox Jew to purchase the Christian fundamentalist Praise the Lord (PTL) television station in South Carolina focuses attention on a situation south of the border that may sound bizarre — the ownership by Jews of evangelical TV and/or radio stations.

A report in The Northern California Jewish Bulletin says that some of the approximately 1,000 evangelical stations around the U.S., with an audience of 40 million listeners, are in hands of Jewish businessmen.

Among other things, these stations broadcast messianic programs aimed at Jews who might want to convert to Christianity.

•Howard Warshaw, a Conservative Jew from Long Island, is the owner of Universal Broadcasting, which controls 14 radio stations in 13 markets.

Two of his stations emphasize messianic programming, including Jerry Falwell's *Old Time Gospel Hour* and *Christian-Jew Hour*. The latter features "former Jews who embrace Christianity, and who are trying to suggest to other Jews that Christianity is an alternative," according to San Francisco's KEST-AM, Alan Schultz.

•Scott Ginsburg, the proprietor of Statewide Broadcasting, runs four major evangelical stations in Chicago, Dallas, Jacksonville, Fla., and the Milwaukee area.

A Reform Jew who identifies himself as "a strong, practicing Jew who supports very boldly every Jewish cause there is," Ginsburg resides in Boca Raton, Fla.

•Howard Schwartz, of Florida, controls stations in Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico.

•Edwin Tornberg controls a chain through the American Bible Radio Group. One of his stations, in the Washington-Baltimore-Maryland area, broadcasts Jews-for Jesus-style programs.

•Simon Rosen and investors own Forus Communications of St. Petersburg, Fla., which operates stations in Chicago, Atlanta, Syracuse and elsewhere in upstate New York.

Rabbi Byron Sherwin, a professor of Jewish philosophy and ethics at Chicago's Spertus College of Judaica, claims there is nothing wrong with Jews owning and operating stations with a Christian fundamentalist appeal. He says that a precedent was set in a responsum by Moses Isserles, one of Poland's leading rabbis of the 16th century. When Isserles was asked if Jews could sell religious items, such as crucifixes, to Christians, he answered in the affirmative.

There are sure to be Jews who would disagree sharply with that interpretation.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES

Although it is no longer fashionable, Christian missionaries continue to seek out Jews.

In the U.S., 147 missions have spent about $150 million in the past five years for that very purpose. Philip Abramowitz, director of the Task Force on Missionaries and Cults of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council, claims they have enjoyed some success — roughly 25,000 Jews have converted to Christianity in the past decade.

The major missionary group is the American Board of Missions to the Jews, followed by Jews for Jesus and B'nai Yeshua.

Task forces opposing conversion efforts are maintained by Jewish federations in several major American cities. In Baltimore, for example, a counterforce called Jews for Judaism has been established. Its director, Larry Levey, is a former "Hebrew Christian."

Levey, in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, says that the most susceptible recruits have no strong personal, family or spiritual roots, and usually succumb to missionaries' appeals at a time of transition or vulnerability.

Missionaries, he explained, are encouraged to reach out to Jews on college campuses. The process starts with efforts to persuade Jews that they can be "Hebrew Christians." Once they've accepted that formulation, they can be the targets of outright conversions.

Marek Edelman

MEMOIRS OF A FIGHTER

Simply put, Marek Edelman is a hero. As the only surviving commander of the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, he is truly a man of heroic proportions.

Edelman, a Bundist, remained in Poland after the war. He became one of his country's leading cardiologists. As a member of the banned Solidarity free trade union movement, he did not endear himself to the government.

Hanna Krall, a well-known Polish-Jewish journalist, held lengthy conversations with him which were initially printed in a Polish literary magazine a few years after the notorious anti-semitic campaign of 1968-69. Now, for the first time, Krall's reportage has been published in English under the title of *Shielding the Flame (Henry Holt, $15 U.S.)*.

It's a slender book but it packs quite a punch.

Edelman comes across as a nail-hard realist for whom saccharine sentimentality has little value. He's a cool, detached, clinical observer who doesn't wear rose-colored glasses.

Why did the poorly-armed Jews resist the might of the German army?

"The important thing was just that we were shooting. We had to show it. Not to the Germans. They knew better than us how to shoot. We had to show it to this other, non-German world."

What does he recall of his legendary superior, Mordechai Anielewicz?

"He very much wanted to be a commander, so we chose him. He was a little child-like in this ambition, but he was a talented guy..."

Edelman reveals that Anielewicz was constantly hungry. "... he would shield (his) plate with his hand, so that nobody could take anything away from him." He was not hopeful of survival. "He would yell, 'There is no way out, we'll die for our honor, for history.'" Before the war, Anielewicz's mother, a fish seller, painted the gills of leftover fish with red paint so that they would look fresh.

Edelman speaks of the fighters' anxiety that their struggle would be unnoticed by Poles on the other side of the wall surrounding the ghetto. "We could see a merry-go-round, people, we could hear music, and we were terribly afraid that this music would drown us out..."

Starving Jews, he observes, went to their deaths for a loaf of bread. "These people would go, in order, by fours, to get this bread, and then right onto the train car (bound for Auschwitz)."

As the Germans approached a hospital to round up more victims, a Jewish doctor, in desperation, poisoned some children. "You see, Hanna, you don't understand anything. She saved these children from the gas chamber. People thought she was a hero."

If that sounds horrifying, consider this: "When the liquidation action started... one woman was in labor. A doctor and a nurse were with her. And when the baby was born, the doctor handed it to the nurse, and the nurse laid it on one pillow, and smothered it with another one. The baby whimpered and grew silent."

Doctors in the ghetto, he says, conducted research on the effects of hunger. "Never before," they wrote, "has medicine had such rich research material."

After the war, Edelman confronted his tormentor, Stroop, the German general who led the final assault on the ghetto. Upon being informed who Edelman was, Stroop drew himself up and clicked his heels. "In the military, they call this 'rendering military honors' or something like that." Edelman's reaction: "I just wanted to leave that room as quickly as possible."

Krall, who obviously admires Edelman, switches forward to the present.

"People have told me, Marek, that when you're taking care of simple and not terribly serious cases, you do it in a way out of a sense of duty..."

Edelman replies: "This is, after all, my role. God is trying to blow out the candle and I'm quickly trying to shield the flame... to keep the flame flickering, even if only for a little while longer than He would wish."

Thus *Shielding the Flame* comes full circle: Edelman, the ghetto fighter; Edelman, the cardiologist.

He is quite a man. And this is quite a book.

Opinion

Jewish schoolchildren could still be made uncomfortable

Prayer guidelines fall short of the mark: Wolfe

ROSE WOLFE, chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, discusses the problem of religion in the public school classrooms.

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TORONTO —

Just to get an idea of how long the matter of religion in the public classroom has been a concern for the Jewish community, consider that in 1897, a delegation of communal leaders and rabbis petitioned the then mayor of Toronto to ensure that religious indoctrination **not** be part of the public school curriculum.

Forty-eight years later, in 1945, Liberal MPP Harry Nixon, father of Ontario treasurer Robert Nixon, raised the matter in the provincial legislature, arguing that two half-hours a week of religious instruction introduced in public classrooms during World War II by the Tory administration of Premier George Drew, "violated the democratic right of each to worship according to his conscience, free from interference by the state."

It was that same year Canadian Jewish Congress became involved in the matter.

Forty-three years after that, religious exercises and instruction in the public classroom continue to percolate in the public psyche.

CJC Ontario Region has long held there is no place in the public classroom for either religious instruction or opening religious exercises. And that interim guidelines issued by the ministry of education — following the Ontario Court of Appeal's recent decision that compulsory recitation of the Lord's Prayer is unconstitutional — does not go far enough in protecting the rights of minority religions or of non-believers.

CJC has been at the forefront of the issue since 1985, when five parents in Sudbury — three of them Jewish — challenged the daily reciting of the Lord's Prayer, which, along with readings from Christian Scripture, was mandatory in all 58 schools of the Sudbury Board of Education. The parents argued that insisting all children recite the prayer was unfair because not all children are Christian. Allowing them to opt out of the exercise, which they may do under ministry guidelines, exposes them to ridicule and ostracism among their peers. The parents' basic contention was that imposing one's religion on all children was a violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights' freedom of religion provisions.

Initially, in 1986, Divisional Court of Ontario disagreed. The court ruled that saying the Lord's Prayer in public classes is not contrary to the Charter, helps teach "morality" and at worst, "constitutes a minor infringement of freedom of conscience and religion."

Is it a minor infringement for a child of 8 to have to excuse himself from class while his school friends engage in the highly personal matter of prayer? The choice of embarrassment during that long walk to the classroom door, or the child choosing to say the prayer, which is counter to his beliefs — and completely foreign to him — is not a happy one. Coercion, confusion and a sense of isolation are not what we want for our children in school.

Fortunately, a higher court took a different view. This past September, the Ontario Court of Appeal found that the compulsory reciting of the Lord's Prayer is indeed a violation of freedom of religion. In so doing, the court struck down a regulation of the Education Act requiring public schools to use the prayer and readings from Christian Scriptures at the start of the school day. The court also acknowledged that no matter how sensitively school officials handle children who wish to remove themselves from the class, peer pressure will always exist for those who do not take part in the Lord's Prayer. Despite the opting-out clause, the judges maintained that the regulation "imposes on religious minorities a compulsion to conform to the religious practices of the majority."

With great sensitivity the court has demonstrated that it recognizes the changing face of Ontario.

In Toronto itself, school prayer has not been a burning issue. In 1981 the Toronto Board of Education developed a wide-ranging *Book of Readings and Prayer* (this book was revised and updated in 1984) which attempted to encompass all religious and philosophical traditions. Although a step forward, this particular approach, used by less enlightened school boards, may still leave the door open for prayer in the classroom.

Outside of urban centres, 39 of the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association's 56 member-school boards use the Lord's Prayer in their elementary schools, and 36 use it in their high schools. This association represents mainly small, rural boards, where difficulties most often appear.

Canadian Jewish Congress, an intervenor in the Lord's Prayer case at both court levels, was represented by the highly respected constitutional lawyer John I. Laskin, who argued skilfully and convincingly that any prayer — not just a Christian prayer — is unacceptable in the public classroom of today.

The matter, however, is far from over. In responding to the Court of Appeal ruling, the ministry of education has decided not to appeal the decision and has issued interim guidelines — a compromise — which relies on another optional clause in the Education Act. The ministry says a board may exercise discretion, but it may also continue to have opening or closing exercises, provided that any readings and prayers "reflect the multicultural realities and traditions of Ontario society, and provided that no one religion is given a position of primacy."

Rose Wolfe

Chris Ward

In other words, Buddhist, Moslem and Jewish prayers may be said, in addition to the Lord's Prayer. Meanwhile, new regulations are under consideration by the ministry, which may incorporate these guidelines.

Despite its laudable effort to reflect Canadian multicultural realities, the ministry's instructions are unacceptable to Canadian Jewish Congress, as little, if anything has really changed.

Several school boards, even within Metro Toronto, have interpreted the directive as permission to continue reciting the Lord's Prayer. The only difference is that various other faith communities are being represented. For Jewish children, this still places them in the uncomfortable position of either having to exempt themselves, or of saying the prayers. The stigma and confusion remain.

What CJC suggests, we believe, is a fair solution: maintaining God Save the Queen or Oh Canada, followed by a moment of silence, during which students may offer a prayer or thought in a manner suitable to their beliefs. **Congress has written Ontario Education Minister Chris Ward expressing our concern, and calling on the minister to dispel the confusion once and for all.**

Simply, CJC is trying to make clear that prayer and religious devotion belong in the church, temple, synagogue, home, or independent religious school, and not in the public school classroom. The same goes for mandatory religious education, a challenge to which has been initiated in Elgin County, near London. There, parents took the government to task over the teaching of religion (which may take the form of Christian indoctrination) in public schools. The case is now before the Ontario Court of Appeal, and CJC is applying for intervenor status.

Given the Ontario Court of Appeal decision on the Lord's Prayer and the government's decision not to appeal it, CJC is hopeful that the ministry of education will delete the present regulations in religious instruction.

The long history of the Lord's Prayer, along with the recent court decision, have demonstrated that as Ontario enters the 21st century, we are becoming mindful that our province is a multi-religious and multicultural entity. The principle that our public schools not accord primacy to any one faith is essential in order to promote and enhance a progressive vision of Ontario.

Senator holds tete-a-tete for hydrogen bomb heavies

By
JOE POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

Senator Chic Hecht, who failed in his re-election bid in Nevada by 4,000 votes, realized one of his international efforts in the closing days of his senatorial career by the meeting in Washington of two men known as "fathers" of the Soviet and American hydrogen bombs.

On a visit to Moscow as a Senate intelligence committee member, the Las Vegas Republican senator urged that the Soviet authorities allow Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov to visit the United States and during his visit meet with the famed American physicist Edward Teller. Hecht and Teller are Jewish.

The two scientists met in Washington (Nov. 16) in an unprecedented joint appearance at a banquet honoring Teller as a pioneer in nuclear physics and for his advocacy of the Strategic Defence Initiative, SDI, favored by the Reagan administration and opposed by the kremlin. The banquet was sponsored by a conservative research organization, the Ethics and Public Policy Center.

In their discussion at the banquet, the two scientists bluntly disagreed on the use of defences in space in international relations. Sakharov, the Soviet Union's foremost activist on human rights, said the SDI system would "destabilize the world" and could bring about nuclear war between the two superpowers. Teller held that the SDI system, of which he is a foremost advocate, could bring about a "world neighborhood" and cooperation against war.

Before the dinner, Sakharov, 67, and Teller, 80, met privately. Later, Sakharov in his speech lauded Teller as a man of principle and conviction.

At least Orthodoxy fights for what it wants

By
ELAINE KAHN

I have limited sympathy for people who cry over problems they have done nothing to prevent. This is why, although the war between different kinds of Jews, here and in Israel, pains and angers me, I wonder what all the fuss is about. It didn't come from nothing, after all.

The Jewish world is in the throes of something approximating the Protestant Reformation. The difference is the component known as "Jewish guilt."

Protestants and Catholics are both Christians. But I doubt whether Rome rakes in much money or moral and political support from Protestants. Non-Orthodox Jews, however, very seldom deny support to the Mother Synagogue and her individual and organizational acolytes, even when Mummy does not reciprocate in kind. Even while Jerusalem metamorphosizes into our very own Vatican City.

To then turn around and wonder why the Orthodox have so much clout strikes me as beyond ingenuous.

I think, underneath it all, we non-Orthodox Jews really believe we know "who is a Jew." A Jew is a man in a streimel and black suit, with payess, strolling along Bathurst St. or praying at the Kotel. It's not the kind of Jew we are, or even want our children to be, but, deep in our hearts, right beside the picture of God (looking a lot like the Lubavitcher Rebbe), is this other picture.

And we pay this picture off with guilt money, lacking the courage of our own convictions, not at all sure that Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionism are legit.

Most of our community leaders and workers, like most Israelis, are not Orthodox. Most of the money raised, including many major donations, for our main communal funds, comes from Jews who are not Orthodox, some of whom have spouses or children-in-law who were converted by rabbis who are not Orthodox.

But there seems to be no room in the land of "We are One" and other such slogans for "God helps those who help themselves."

It is even difficult to register a protest vote. If, because some of the money goes to Orthodox institutions, you don't give to the central organizations in your community, it is you and your path to community leadership that is undercut, not those Orthodox institutions.

Jews who are not Orthodox are sending more of their children to day schools. Regardless of the school's nominal affiliation, most of the religious studies teachers are Orthodox. The kids should "learn it right," I guess. There is, to my knowledge, no Canadian Jewish high school that does not reflect Orthodox values — and no plans to build any.

We must always support other Jews. But I find it ridiculous that so many of us will spend hard-earned money on anyone or anything Jewish, without first thinking about what kind of Jewish.

If secularists transferred their money from Orthodox causes to Israel's secular universities and political parties and established chairs and departments of Jewish studies in the Diaspora, wouldn't they still be helping Jews? If non-Orthodox Jews stopped the cash flow to the Orthodox world and redirected the stream to their own existing seminaries, day schools, olim, synagogues, service organizations, publishing houses, kibbutzim and foundations, would that be so bad.

Well, we haven't done it up to now and I seriously suspect that, once the current dust has settled, we'll be found sitting in our corners, licking wounds that are largely self-inflicted.

I say, let the Orthodox hold sway from now on, here and in Israel. They deserve it – they at least fight for what they believe and put their money where their mouths are.

It's not up to them, after all, to cut the apron strings. That's what we're supposed to do, once we stop whining and grow up.

Opinion

Observant-secular split seen as more harmful than Arab threat

Foundation aims to bring two Israels together

"It is grievous to have to admit that in the last few years relations between the religious and the non-religious have actually deteriorated in Israel..." — Chaim Herzog, the President of Israel.

BY
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

For the past 18 years Daniel Tropper has been tirelessly repeating a message that only now is beginning to seep into the consciousness of Jews in Israel and the Diaspora.

"After 40 years of wars and perpetual threats of war with its neighbors, Israel is discovering that its greatest threat is from within," he says. "The religious-secular split is the most serious division threatening the cohesive social fabric of Israel."

Tropper, the U.S. born director-general of Gesher, an apolitical, non-affiliated movement which seeks to bridge the gap between Israel's secular and religious communities, adds: "An Israel that is strong internally can withstand all Arab pressure. But the minute the social cohesiveness of the state is undermined, Israel's ability to withstand such pressure is greatly diminished."

An Orthodox rabbi who holds a PhD in Jewish history from Yeshiva University, Tropper is not sanguine about the present situation. "We're at a low point now. Religious-secular relations have been getting worse of late."

And following last month's election in Israel, they may deteriorate still further if a right-wing coalition government succumbs to the demands of the religious parties and changes the Law of Return.

Gesher, which is financially dependent on overseas donations and subsidies from Israel's ministry of education, was founded by a group of young, mainly Orthodox American Jews studying in Israel.

They theorized that the divisions pitting Ashkenazi Jews against Sephardi Jews, unsettling as they were in the early 1970s, were not as potentially grave as the differences over religion. The problem revolving around religion, they argued, was fundamental since it addressed the issue of how Israel would develop as a Jewish state.

"We believed (the dispute) would get worse," Tropper recalls. "I would love to have been proven wrong. However, the recent election dramatizes the depth of the problem."

As well-meaning and idealistic as he is, Tropper believes that the *Kulturkamph* in Israel can only be "mitigated," not "solved." As he puts it: "I don't believe in social engineering. You can't hope and pray yourself out of this situation. The continued development of real changes in attitude and different ways of thinking is the key to the improvement of secular-religious relations. Respect and tolerance between the secular and the religious requires dialogue and concrete programs to bring it about. Gesher, I think, is in the forefront of this vital effort."

Gesher, Tropper explains, is also crucial as a symbol of the ability of religious Jews and non-religious Israeli Jews "to live and work together in mutual respect and tolerance."

Gesher has developed a series of programs for high school students designed to break down mutual prejudices and pre-conceived notions. The atmosphere at these retreats, which are held at its headquarters in Safad and attract about 15,000 youngsters annually, is "non-threatening" and supposed to inspire openness. "We believe the best way to change attitudes is for people to get to know each other. We know we're reaching a moment of truth when participants cease their personal attacks and admit their own weaknesses."

In addition, Gesher runs seminars and workshops attuned to adults, particularly so-called decision-makers such as journalists, senior civil servants, politicians and educators whose influence is widely felt across the spectrum of Israeli society. Here, too, the purpose is mutual understanding and respect.

Ultimately, Gesher's objective is to break down stereotypes. "Secular Jews regard the Orthodox as a kind of monolith: narrow-minded, coercive, right-wing politically and fundamentally intolerant. Orthodox see secular Jews as atheistic, hedonistic, non-nationalistic, lacking values and no longer culturally Jewish. Like all stereotypes, they're based on truth. But the actual facts are more complex. Partial truths are essentially lies. Unfortunately, these stereotypes have a life of their own and tend to be self-fulfilling if they're not attended to. That's what we're warning against."

Much to Tropper's regret but not suprise, ultra-Orthodox Jews have never subscribed to Gesher's programs. "We don't get *haredi* kids.

Gesher House in Safad.

Daniel Tropper

They're not prepared to meet secular Jews. The fringe elements (of Israeli society) don't participate. Our goal is to shore up moderates in both camps. The extreme Orthodox are very militant and active. We can't sit by and let them win the day. That's what Gesher is all about."

Tropper, 46, is of the view the most Orthodox Jews are moderate in outlook and are animated by a live-and-let-live attitude.

Why, if this is the case, has there been an upsurge of strife between the secular and the Orthodox?

"Because of a series of events whereby secular Jews have developed a *fear* of the Orthodox. Until recently, there was antipathy, suspicion and mistrust. Today, both sides feel the other is out to win. Secular Jews are afraid they'll lose. It's a dangerous situation."

Several factors account for this impasse.

•The explosive growth of the Orthodox community. "Ten kids in an Orthodox family is not unsual. (Tropper, who lives in Jerusalem, has nine himself). Among the secular, it's two kids and a dog."

•The rise of Orthodox militancy. "Orthodox Jews have penetrated heretofore secular strongholds, such as the army. It's bound to have an effect."

•The breakdown of Labor Zionism as a vibrant ideology for secular Jews and the concomitant growing popularity of Orthodoxy. "This is especially reflected in the tremendous growth of yeshivas." In 1948, about 1,000 yeshiva students were granted army deferments, compared with 20,000 today.

•Societal polarization. "Non-religious Jews are becoming more secular, while Orthodox Jews are becoming less Zionistic."

•Entertainment norms have changed as secular Jews go out more often during the Sabbath, thereby offending Orthodox Jews.

According to Tropper, the results of the recent election have greatly alarmed the majority of Israelis, who consider themselves secular.

Secular Jews, he explains, feel deep resentment because religious parties were able to increase their representation in the Knesset since the 1984 election by 33%.

Tropper is philosophical. "That's the nature of Israeli politics. The religious resent this complaint that they're running things. *They* were in a minority all these years."

In his view, the religious parties which have agreed to join Likud in a coalition — Shas, Agudat Israel and the National Religious Party — would be wise "to pull back and not use all their power. A gracious gesture on the part of the Orthodox is needed. Regrettably, I don't think they'll do it."

Tropper is frankly apprehensive that if Shas — an ultra-Orthodox Sephardi party — wins control of the ministry of education, Gesher's funds might even dry up. Shas, he says dryly, is not "very excited" about Gesher's work. However, the NRP is "solidly behind" Gesher, he points out.

Tropper, who has served as an advisor to the ministry of education, believes that the Who is a Jew is a "silly, phantom issue, a problem concerning four or five people a year." He predicts that amendment of Who is a Jew "will alienate" entire Jewish communities. "It would be a terrible, terrible mistake, an example of extremely short-range thinking."

Confident that tougher anti-autopsy legislation will not be implemented, Tropper doesn't understand why some religious Jews are pushing for it.

"It reflects a lack of trust between the Orthodox and medical community."

While Tropper believes that ancient Jewish cemeteries should not be excavated by archeologists, he claims it would be "ridiculous" to ban all archeological digs, one of the demands of the ultra-Orthodox.

And what of their proposal to eliminate daylight saving time? "I can't understand why it's a religious issue."

Wholesale army deferments for yeshiva students? "The current situation is intolerable. It's been unethically abused."

The refusal by the Orthodox rabbinate to recognize Reform and Conservative Judaism in Israel? "Reform and Conservative communities (in Israel) are marginal. If they become vibrant communities, they'll receive recognition. I believe things happen naturally."

The heretofore refusal of a religious council in the Negev town of Yeroham to let Lea Shakdiel take up her seat because she is a woman? "It was a ridiculous, non-halachic issue, a gross mistake not to have appointed her in the first place."

In short, Tropper maintains that religious legislation — coercion — is not the answer.

"It won't make Israel more Jewish. Let's try to work together as Jews who don't agree on many specifics but who agree that our overriding concern is for a vibrant Israeli state. This should take precedence over parochial issues on both sides."

Retirement is only new beginning for the former chief justice of BC

By
DAVID PIERSON

VANCOUVER —

After 10 years as British Columbia's chief justice, Nathan Nemetz, at age 75 has retired. But you won't find him whiling away the time, enjoying the view from his University Endowment Lands home. He's too busy.

He's just been appointed chairman of an arbitration board in a dispute between Japanese steel companies and Quintette Coal; there's a teaching post at the University of BC and he will be joining a law firm as a consultant once the trade dispute is settled.

"I'm not ready for a rocking chair yet," the spry, diminutive judge smiled, reclining in a high-backed chair, directly beneath the photo of himself and Pierre Trudeau dressed in UBC graduation robes.

"That was taken when the university gave Trudeau an honorary degree. I first met him about 25 years ago in Montreal, just before he was appointed justice minister. A brilliant mind and a wonderful gentleman. He must have liked me — he appointed me four times," Nemetz said with a smile.

Nemetz came to Vancouver as a 10-year-old boy from Saskatachewan, when his Czechoslovakian father Samuel, was on his way to Los Angeles to settle his family but found a home in Vancouver instead.

It was 53 years ago that as a 21-year-old law student Nemetz met and married Bel Newman, a 19-year-old business student. "Nobody ever heard of living together in those days," Nemetz said. The couple has one son, Peter, who is an economics professor at UBC.

Upon graduating Nemetz pursued a love of labor law and for 25 years he served as an arbitrator, settling disputes between labor and government. In 1963 he was appointed a justice of the BC Supreme Court, then Appeal Court justice, chief of the BC Supreme Court and finally BC chief justice in 1979.

After more than 25 years of sitting on the bench Nemetz said the most important thing for him was the dispension of true justice.

"Being Jewish I realize that one of the basic tenets of Judaism is justice and I hope I have adhered to that. The courts must adapt to changes in society. Women are much more prominent in our society now. I'm proud of my role in the toughening up of our obscenity laws in the Red Hot video case. I guess if you can call a 75-year-old man a feminist . . . then yes, I am one."

Another career highlight was a trip to Israel with the late Supreme Court of Canada Chief Justice Bora Laskin. "He was a great friend of mine. I was former president of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and it really was a tremendous honor to receive a fellowship from them."

Opinion

How I defended Toronto from "Nazi invaders"

By
J. B. SALSBERG

As always, I have no secrets from you, the elite of our readership. I will, therefore, not attempt to conceal the depressing mood that has enveloped me recently. There is just nothing to be cheerful about.

The world as a whole seems to be in the grip of evil forces.

J. B. Salsberg

Millions starve, while parts of the world are unable to dispose of their grain at a price that will cover the cost of production. States, like Iraq for instance, do not hesitate to use poison gas against their own citizens and against its official enemies and yet remain respected members of the "world community."

All "advanced" nations who cannot feed or house their own people properly, spend astronomical amounts of their wealth on fiendish weapons of mass annihilation.

It is really a sight of insanity enthroned and worshipped.

As for the "Jewish world," it provides, at this moment, scenes of unbelievable internal conflict and hostility that bring tears to one's eyes.

Over differences of interpretation of the legal term of "Who is a Jew" some elements are ready to face the horrendous consequence of a historic rift within Jewish society globally!

The two extremist, anti-Israel, Jewish sects in Jerusalem's Mea Shearim, began a war with each other on Friday night, a couple of weeks ago. One sect charged the other with creating a "crystal night" in that area of the most observant . . . I am certain that the angels in heaven must have cried at the sight of that bloody scene.

So what is there to cheer one up? Tell me; please tell me.

Like others who refuse to surrender to despair I turned my thoughts to the past; to times that were more promising. So, join me; let's escape to the day when I, with, believe it or not, a rifle in hand, crawled silently through the deep grasses of Toronto's Scarborough Beach waiting for the "Nazi invaders" who, we knew in advance, were plotting to land on that very spot in an attempt to capture the city.

Ah, what a time; what a battle to recall!

But let's start at the beginning.

The Second World War had been on for some time. Russia, i.e. the Soviet Union, became our ally. The war became "kosher" for everyone . . . The entrance to Toronto's old city hall displayed a banner sign with Churchill and Stalin's portraits on each side (but not the likeness of Prime Minister Mackenzie King because old Tory Toronto didn't like Liberal head of our government).

People vied with each other to don an army uniform. My two younger brothers, Nathan and Robert, were aeroengine mechanics in the Arnprior air base, near Ottawa. And I, already a Member of the Parliament of the Province of Ontario, joined the Queen's Own Rifles (reserve) Regiment of Toronto.

The old colonel, who seemed to have spent his life in and around armories, and who was now the commanding officer of the Queen's Own Riflemen reserve regiment, became profoundly disturbed when he learned of my application. My public image at that time and the "shocking" statement that the press reported me as having made in the legislature was enough to rob him of sleep. So he sent for me.

He was most uneasy when he met in his dingy University Ave. armory "command post." Did I know, he asked, that in the army, even in a reserve regiment, I will not be a big shot but just a "rifleman" who must obey every command? Of course I did, I assured him. Did I know that a reserve regiment's main duty is to protect the country from saboteurs and from those engaged in other activities who try to undermine our war effort? Of course I understood. Finally he had to capitulate and to accept me as a volunteer.

His sergeant-major immediately outfitted me with a uniform, cap, shoes, tin can for food, etc., etc. I thus became "Rifleman Salsberg" who was ready, aye ready, to attend one or two evenings a week at the University Armory for regimental drill, for learning to march, not as shleppers, but as alert, vigorous and "smart" apprentices in the long and arduous exercises to prepare us to meet the domestic and foreign enemies and to destroy them without hesitation or mercy.

But in the meantime we were marching "smartly," not like "nebichs" on University Ave., on Yonge St., to the Exhibition grounds and, most memorable of all, to Scarborough Beach to actually destroy, to make "pickeh" of the "Nazi invaders."

But before we can examine my life and times as Rifleman Salsberg you should be informed that the 300 or 400 riflemen that made up our Queen's Own Rifles Reserve Battalion consisted of young lads who were too young to be accepted by the overseas batalion and of older men who were too old or otherwise unacceptable for the active fighting forces.

My machine gun "partner," for instance, was a young lad. But between us we managed to be an example for all others in the taking apart and putting together a Bren Gun faster than any other gunners in the battalion. Rifleman Salsberg did his stuff!

Now we are, I believe, ready to deal with my life and times as a rifleman. If it won't be a hair-raising story it will, perhaps, be laughable.

See you next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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RABBI'S COLUMN "INFURIATING"

I was angered by Rabbi Moses Burak's Nov. 10 column stating that theologues should not be drafted into the Israel Defence Forces.

But I was absolutely infuriated by his final paragraph stating: "Israel has won all its wars; it has never suffered from a lack of soldiers in the field." He then concludes: "When I was a student at Ner Israel in Baltimore, the U.S. did not draft me to fight Hitler."

As a World War II veteran who fought gladly as part of the Royal Air Force Bomber Command against Hitler, I take great exception to his statement that his "special group" stood aside and let us young Jews "get on with it."

Harry Green
Richmond Hill, Ont.

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RABBI'S COLUMN "OBSCENE"

Your readers should know that many of us Orthodox Jews, unlike Rabbi Burak, did not hide behind student exemptions to avoid serving on behalf of our people in the Nazi Holocaust.

We did volunteer and we did serve.

To imply that the life of a theological student is more valuable than others is an obscene thought.

I. B. Frankel
Toronto

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LIKUD ALIENATES DIASPORA JEWS

I am writing as a Conservative Jew, a father of adopted children, and a long-standing supporter of Israel, to express my deep concern with the Likud Party's apparent agreement to change the Law of Return.

On Kol Nidre night, in virtually every Conservative synagogue during the Israel Bond drive, the rabbis' theme was that we must continue our support of Israel — even if we do not agree with her actions. The problem with the Palestinians is an internal problem and we, in the Diaspora, have no business interfering with Israel's internal policies.

I listened, agreed, and increased my personal Bond pledge.

However, the proposed change in the Law of Return is another matter entirely.

It has no affect on any current Israeli — it only affects Jews in the Diaspora. Many Jews in the Diaspora support Israel because they know that, should anti-semitism reach the heights as in Nazi Germany, there is some place in the world they will be welcome.

How will they feel now if they are welcome, but their children are not, because the children are adopted and have a Reform or Conservative conversion?

As a former vice-president of the Jewish Family & Child Service, I know that many adoptions have been arranged for Reform or Conservative families of children born of non-Jewish mothers. Most of these, I am sure, have had Reform or Conservative conversions.

Having arranged for an Orthodox conversion for my adopted children 14 years ago, I know it is extremely difficult for Reform and Conservative Jews to arrange for an Orthodox conversion in Toronto.

The situation is even more difficult now. Witness the recent closure of the local mikvah to Reform and Conservative Jews.

The Israeli government, proceeding with the change to the Law of Return, will drive a wedge between Israel and the Reform and Conservative Jews of the Diaspora. That could end both moral and financial support for the State in its hour of greatest need.

This point must be driven home to them in the strongest possible terms.

Simon Margel
Toronto

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CLAIMS WE'RE "GLAMOUR SNOBS"

As a Jewish immigrant who has been living in Canada for one year, I am a steady reader of your paper. But the only reason I read it is that you're a Jewish newspaper.

I don't like your paper because it reflects nothing of my reality. I'm an ordinary guy, but you don't appeal to ordinary working-class Jews like me.

Your reporters are snobs writing glamour stories about high-society glamour people holding glamour meetings in glamourous places. Why don't you come down to earth?

Alex Goldstein
Toronto

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HE OKAYS O'KEEFE'S ACOUSTICS

As general manager of Toronto's O'Keefe Centre, I'd like to reply to Frank Rasky's recent Showbiz Mishmash column in which he skeptically observes that if our "dreadful acoustics are improved, I'll be ready to give its board of directors three cheers."

Well, indeed, we expect those three cheers from Mr. Rasky.

Over the past three years, O'Keefe Centre has totally revamped the sound reinforcement system in the theatre auditorium.

Lotfi Mansouri of the Canadian Opera Company, and performers such as Jackie Mason, Alan King, Hal Linden, and Robert Goulet, have all remarked on how comfortable they are with the sound in the theatre.

Perhaps, in a back-handed way, the most significant improvement is in the absence of critical comments on sound from the reviewers.

We know that over $300,000 which we have spent on sound equipment in the past three years is an investment in today's audiences.

We would love to have Mr. Rasky come to O'Keefe Centre and give us the three cheers from on stage — everyone in the audience will hear those hurrahs as cleanly as they are delivered!

Charles S. Cutts
Toronto

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Stephen and Susan Lokash, the brother-and-sister team who've built Toronto's Tzatz denim fashion empire, thought fashion story about them was a real tzatzkalla.

STORY A REAL "TZATZKALLA"

We'd like to thank The CJN's fashion reporter Bruce Parkinson and fashion editor Wendy Rosen for the recent article about ourselves as the brother-and-sister team who've built the Toronto fashion empire, which we call Tzatz.

As was mentioned in your profile, the name comes from the Yiddish word "tzatzkalla," loosely translated as "cute as a button."

Well, we thought the sub-head, "Tzatz not all, folks," was cute and that Bruce Parkinson was equally cute as a button.

Here are our individual comments about the 4-column story and large photo that ran under your main headline, "Siblings create denim styles":

Stephen says: "The photo you used was especially a tzatzkalla . . . I look rather dashing and my sister Susan, well, she looks like my sister!"

And Susan says: "All the wonderful things you said about me were very nice, but you really should have told the truth about my brother!"

Stephen and Susan Lokash
Toronto

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PHIL FINE'S FINE REPORTING

Your fine reporter, Phil Fine, has scored again.

I'm referring to his Nov. 10 profile about myself and my activities as a merchant in a Toronto Kensington Market paint store and as organizer of the Kiddush Club group that records Jewish music.

Thanks to his fine story, which was headed "Bearded baal teshuva mixes paint and music," we have opened up in the New York market and our tapes of 1960s hit singles that have been koshered into titles like *La La Latke* and *Good Shabbos* have been played on Toronto radio stations.

What's more, many of your readers have phoned us at (416) 886-6305 to perform at weddings and bar mitzvahs.

If we make it to Hollywood, we'll always remember Phil Fine's fine article.

Gedalia Zweig
Toronto

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HE DENIES ACCUSING RABBI

Re Rabbi Howard Joseph's Nov. 3 letter headed "Rabbi's attack offends him":

To his accusation that I "falsified" his words, I simply say: Let the record speak for itself.

I invite Rabbi Joseph and your readers to compare my submission with the report that appeared in The CJN. If Rabbi Joseph feels that the report was inaccurate, or did not do justice to his comments, then he should have submitted a correction.

Rabbi Joseph's charge that I made "spurious and offensive accusations" indicates that he did not understand what I said.

I made no accusations at all. I simply pointed out the logical implications of his premises.

If he is now as shocked by these as I am, then he should have considered his position more carefully before presenting it.

Our sages warned us a long time ago that wise men must be careful with their words, lest wrong conclusions will be drawn from them.

Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet
Toronto

Editor's note: We now declare a moratorium on letters relating to differences between Rabbis Joseph and Schochet arising out of the recent International Council of Christians and Jews annual colloquium.

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DON'T PARDON HER FRENCH

Re Ruth Mallory's narrow-minded, ill-informed Oct. 27 letter headed "Questions French immersion":

As the mother of three children enrolled in French immersion classes (which I researched thoroughly), I'd like to tell her how well my children are doing and have done.

They are bright. They do well academically in both French and English. They are well-adjusted. And they have a more varied future in store.

If any of my children decide to run for political office in this country, or decide to move to Quebec and work there, they'll have the necessary language (a universal language) as well as English.

Name Withheld
Toronto

World-National

Controversy stirs deep emotions

TJC, AJCS oppose changing Law of Return

[Cont'd. from page 1]

The recent General Assembly in New Orleans of the Council of Jewish Federations was dominated by discussions on developments in Israel (CJN Nov. 24).

Participants, representing 210 Jewish federations in North America, overwhelmingly endorsed a strongly worded resolution imploring Israel to remove the Who is a Jew controversy from the political agenda and adopted a lobbying campaign to convince key Israelis to drop the issue. The 8-person "emergency mission" was one result of that program.

A statement adopted at the General Assembly noted "The issue, with its ideological, moral and communal implications, should not be decided in the context of political accommodation or to ensure the maintenance or downfall of a particular government."

During a live closed-circuit satellite broadcast linking the GA to Israel, Peter Wolkove, president of Montreal's AJCS, told Yossi Ben-Aharon, director general of the Prime Minister's office, that many of Montreal's 100,000 Jews "are very angry and distressed about the possibility of an amendment to the Law of Return, which we consider to be contrary to the best interests of the Jewish people in the world and will affect our Jewish community in Montreal."

And in an open letter to Shamir, published last week in The CJN, TJC and the United Jewish Appeal echoed those views, expressing their "deepest concern regarding proposed changes to the Law of Return (Who is a Jew).

"The issue should not be decided in the context of political accommodation, or of ensuring the formation, maintenance or downfall of a particular government of the State of Israel," the letter stated.

TJC executive director Steve Ain told The CJN it was unclear what kind of influence the 7-federation delegation — representing New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and Baltimore, as well as the two Canadian cities — might have in convincing Israelis to drop the issue, but "we can only hope we can convince the Israeli political leadership this is an extremely divisive situation."

The message of the delegation, which includes TJC president Herb Rosenfeld, AJCS President Wolkove and executive director John Fishel, is clear, Ain said: "Now is not the time and the Knesset is not the place to decide this matter."

Ain said he believed the Israeli leadership did not realize the depth of feeling it is causing among North American Jews.

As part of its campaign to kill the proposed amendment, CJF plans to circulate a petition throughout the continent in the hopes of attracting one million signatures, to illustrate the breadth of opposition to the changes.

In other lobbying efforts, a second delegation of federation representatives is expected to depart for Israel on Dec. 4, followed by a much larger delegation at the end of the year or early in the new year, Ain said.

When asked if all segments of the Toronto Jewish community support TJC's position, Ain stated his telephone has been ringing constantly with calls "from everybody, from across the spectrum" complaining about the possible change to the Israeli law.

Meetings in Toronto with moderate Orthodox rabbis to discuss the issue have been held and he noted there had been, at the time The CJN went to press, no statements from the rabbis disputing TJC's position expressed in the open letter.

"I'm not expecting an adverse reaction from the Orthodox here," Ain said. "I think there are many moderate Orthodox Jews (who feel) this is not the time or place" to change the Law of Return.

It has operated "very nicely" for 40 years, he added, and "like the Orthodox say to me, 'why do you have to rock the boat?' "

Ain said attempts by CJF to meet with Lubavitcher Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, who is backing the Agudat Yisrael Party in Israel in its push for the amendment, have failed. "So far, there is no response," he stated.

Ain noted the emotions raised by the issue are so deep that some contributors to Jewish fund raising efforts are considering redirecting their funds away from the UJA, which, inter alia, funds non-governmental projects in Israel.

Their perception, Ain said, is that the proposed legislation makes them "second class Jews."

Israeli officials are reported to have expressed concern that passage of the Who is a Jew amendment could cost Israel $100 million (U.S.) per year. Jews outside Israel contribute $400-$500 million per year to the country.

Orthodox scientists counter federations

MONTREAL —

Opposition to the position of three major Jewish organizations against amending the Law of Return in Israel was expressed in a statement from the Federation of Canadian Jewish Scientists.

The action of the three groups in taking out full page ads in major Israeli newspapers was described as "nothing short of scandalous," in the statement signed on behalf of the Orthodox group by Prof. A. Boyarsky.

Many supporters of the United Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal of Canada and the Council of Jewish Federations of North America, which sponsored the ads, are strongly opposed to their action, Boyarsky said.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. What is the name of the annual 8-day festival commencing on the 25th day of Kislev (Dec. 4 in 1988)?
2. What is the content of the Scroll of the Hasmoneans?
3. Which warrior hero and national liberator laid the foundation of the future Hasmonean state?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Chanukah.
2. It gives a popular account of the wars of the Hasmoneans and the origins of the festival of Chanukah.
3. Judah Maccabee.

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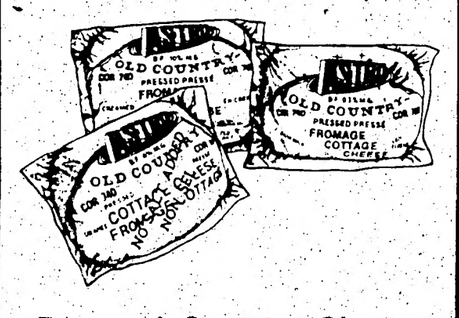

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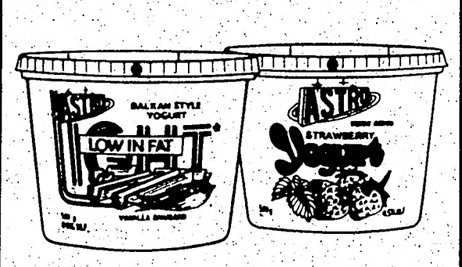

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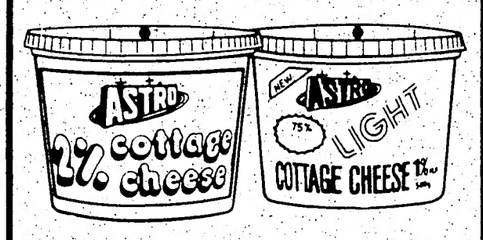

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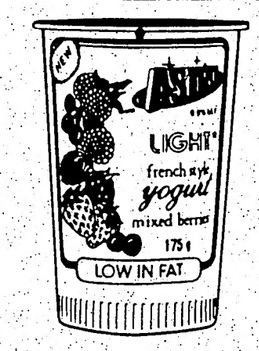

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World-National

Orthodoxy's rise will hurt Israel: Schorsch

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —
The effect of the increase in strength of Israeli Orthodox political parties reaches far beyond the Law of Return issue, says Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The new power of the Orthodox parties in Israel's coalition politics "will have a deleterious impact on the quality of life in Israel," Schorsch told a dinner at the inaugural conference of the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

"Untold amounts of money will be funneled into the yeshiva system, which removes young people from army service; and (Orthodox power) makes it impossible for Conservative and Reform Jews to erect synagogues and institutions," said the keynote speaker at the event which also celebrated the 75th anniversary of United Synagogue of America.

Dr. Ismar Schorsch

He accused the Orthodox of trying to turn Israel from a "state into a shtetl," describing it as "an unviable political entity in the jungle of the Middle East."

Schorsch was part of a Conservative delegation that went to Israel last month "because we realized the elections were an earthquake that would reverberate for years to come, and to voice our concerns and meet with the parties before the formation of any coalition government," Schorsch said.

Political power must be denied to the ultra-Orthodox, Schorsch said, adding that the Conservative 'movement supports the formation of a national unity government in Israel.

"I left Israel with the belief that the Law of Return would be changed, however, I am not completely convinced (the Law will be changed) because of the tidal wave of protest from North America," said Schorsch.

"No one appreciated the force or some of passion of the response on this issue," he added.

According to Schorsch, the Israelis cannot fathom the Law of Return problem, "because it is not an Israeli issue, it is a North American issue.

"The Lubavitcher Rebbe has led the charge; it (the Law of Return) has become a symbol for the delegitimization of Conservative and Reform Judaism; and it compromises Israel's sovereignty," he charged.

To help stem the tide of fundamentalism, he said, Conservative Jews must turn to "the potential for an exceptional alliance between the non-religious and the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel."

Schorsch described fundamentalist trends in Israel as "truly a threat to the ability of Judaism to survive; they have no sense of Klal Israel, only the commitment to their narrow view."

He told the audience that, unfortunately, he saw no hope for moderate modern Orthodoxy whose political parties failed to get any Knesset seats, but, however, left the centrist position open for "an articulate and self-confident Conservative movement.

"The centre must be seized, this is our historic mission, the bringing of a different kind of Judaism, an authentic religious alternative movement to Israel," the rabbi stated.

Referring back to the 75 years of the United Synagogue of America, Schorsch said, "the next 25 years must be devoted to a fanatical building of Conservative Judaism in Israel."

Schorsch, who was introduced by Beth Tzedec president Marvin Miller, said Toronto is a model Jewish community (and) the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism will add a vigorous dimension to the affairs and activities of Conservative Judaism in North America."

He was thanked on behalf of all in attendence by Irwin Feffergrad, president of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Space satellite exceeds expectations

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
Ofek-1, the first space satellite launched by Israel, has already well exceeded its 1 month life expectancy.

Its next stop is a reentry into the earth's atmosphere and a burnout, but that is not likely before January 1989, according to scientists who monitor the solar energy-driven satellite.

Ofek was lifted into orbit Sept. 19 by an Israeli-made Shavitt III rocket. Israel's space research agency attributes its longevity to the accuracy with which it was placed in elliptical orbit around the earth.

All of its systems are working with "the highest degree of efficiency," according to the scientists. Its solar panels always face the sun to acquire the power to keep it on an accurate course.

Computer programs are now being written for Israel's second satellite, Ofek-2.

No launch date has been set, but scores of proposals are pouring into the space agency for scientific experiments.

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Israel is buying more defence material and equipment abroad.

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U.S. Jews applaud Arafat visa denial

By
ANDREW CARROLL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Major American Jewish organizations are gratified that the United States will not allow Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat to enter the country for a speech Dec. 1 at the United Nations.

In a number of public statements made after the decision was announced Saturday, groups praised the Reagan administration for rejecting terrorism and for repeating its dissatisfaction with the outcome of the Palestine National Council's recent session in Algiers.

In more personal conversations, leaders of many of the groups also expressed satisfaction that the United States rejected Arafat's visa request without a major lobbying effort by Jewish organizations.

Arafat requested the visa in order to address the annual UN General Assembly debate on the Palestinian situation, which begins this week.

The state department said that since Arafat is responsible for PLO elements that "have engaged in terrorism against Americans and others," he would continue to be denied a visa under a law that prohibits identified terrorists from entering the country.

Arab nations immediately denounced the U.S. decision. European nations, who have been more supportive than the United States of the PLO's statements in Algiers, and UN officials are also expected to weigh in with criticism.

But Jewish groups were expansive in their praise.

"Once again the United States has taken a world leadership role by rejecting terrorism and clearly stating that those who are its advocate are not welcome," Milton Shapiro, president of the Zionist Organization of America, said in a statement released Sunday.

The government's decision "gives the lie to recent attempts by the PLO to camouflage its true nature and goals," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

In the weeks prior to the decision, the Conference of Presidents was among those groups which were uncharacteristically reserved in pressing the government to deny the visa.

While most groups communicated their concern over the Arafat visit to U.S. officials during the last few weeks, the lobbying effort was mild, compared to an earlier attempt to close the PLO observer mission to the United Nations.

Earlier last month, 51 U.S. senators sent a letter to Secretary of State Shultz urging him to deny a visa request from Arafat. Shultz, in turn, was reported to have resisted pressure from other state department officials in turning down Arafat's application.

One major effort was planned in the event Arafat was granted a visa: a public demonstration and educational campaign to be coordinated by the Conference of Presidents and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

Although that initiative has been canceled, there is concern that Arafat will be given a platform if Arab nations try to move the General Assembly debate on the Palestinians outside the United States, possibly to United Nations headquarters in Geneva.

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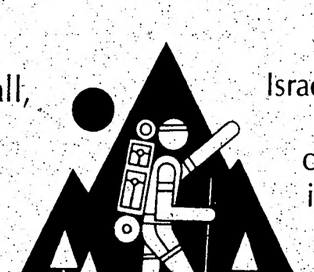

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Election Final

Mulroney's Conservative Party holds 168 seats

Orlikow goes down, as Barrett proves successful

As Canadians waited for federal election results to come in, The CJN's election team of MIRIAM CHINSKY, BEN ROSE, JEFF ROSEN AND BELINDA SILBERMAN in Toronto and MYRON LOVE in Winnipeg were out with candidates in significant ridings of Jewish interest.

Compiled by
JEFF ROSEN

It was the end of a political era for one Jewish MP in Manitoba and the beginning of another for a second further West, as Brian Mulroney's Conservative Party swept to its second consecutive majority with with 169 seats.

When the polls closed in Toronto at 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, a Liberal turnaround seemed possible, as returns coming in from Atlantic Canada showed them leading in every province there.

However, as votes in Ontario and Quebec were tallied, it became apparent that the latter province was supporting a "native son" and the Conservatives were headed for another four years.

The only consolation the Liberals and NDP could find was that they were able to pry seats away from the Tories across Canada.

When polls finally closed in British Columbia at 11 p.m. EST and all votes were counted, the Tories were left with 169 of 295 seats, down from 211 in 1984, the Liberals finished with 83, up from 40, and the NDP managed its strongest showing with 43 seats, up from 30.

However the death of Alberta Tory John Dahmer to bone marrow cancer, has left the party with 168 seats in the House of Commons.

In terms of popular support, the Tories received 43%, compared to 50% in 1984, the Liberals with 32% and the NDP with 20%. The smaller fringe parties received 5%.

Following the elections, B'nai B'rith Canada paid tribute to all three party leaders.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, BB officials said: "During this election you have shown the dignity and leadership that have become your hallmark. Canadians across the country have shown their confidence in you abilities and those of your colleagues in returning you to a second term."

B'nai B'rith congratulated Liberal leader John Turner for opening up the political process.

"Through your personal involvement you have brought many Canadians into the political process, especially those from various ethnic groups."

NDP leader Ed Broadbent's efforts for mounting a national campaign were also recognized.

Despite record gains by the NDP, they were completely shut out east of Ontario and suffered heavy losses in Manitoba including veteran MP David Orlikow, who lost his Winnipeg North seat — which has traditionally elected a Jewish member — to Liberal Rey Pagtakhan by 1,762 votes.

There was little to cheer about at Orlikow campaign headquarters as the returns began to come in.

"I've been voting NDP for 40 years," said one man. "I'm going home."

Another man expressed concern for his job under a free trade agreement.

The 70-year-old Orlikow, who has represented Winnipeg North through nine elections over 26 years, fell behind early in the evening.

Although he held onto most of his support in the old neighborhoods, the rapidly growing new suburbs in northwest Winnipeg, with their large immigrant populations, went heavily to Pagtakhan, himself a new Canadian, just as they did provincially earlier in the year.

Orlikow arrived to concede defeat at about 9.30 Central Standard Time. He thanked his supporters and campaign workers over the years — about 200 were gathered — adding he did not intend to go quietly into retirement.

In answer to media questions, he said he considered one of the highlights of his career getting old age pensions indexed. He then went around the hall personally thanking each of his supporters.

As well as Winnipeg North, the Liberals captured four other seats in Manitoba, including Winnipeg South Centre, where incumbent Lloyd Axworthy was easily returned by 13,083 votes.

However Liberal Jewish hopeful Allan Kaufman failed in Winnipeg South, which went to Tory newcomer Dorothy Dobbie.

Kaufman was in a close race with Conservative candidate Dobbie throughout. Early returns put Kaufman in the lead and the battle remained tight throughout the evening. In the end however Dobbie won by about 700 votes.

Further West the NDP managed to pick up a number of seats, including that of Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, on Vancouver Island, where former British Columbia premier Dave Barrett took the riding by over 11,000 votes.

Barrett said he decided to return to politics after a 4-year absence stressing the need to fight the proposed free trade deal, which is now expected to receive quick passage.

Barrett was first elected to the BC legislature in 1960 as the first Jewish MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) in that province since 1880 and rose to become leader of the provincial NDP in 1970 and served as premier between 1972 and 1975.

While the NDP made most of its gains in Western Canada, and the Conservatives dominated Alberta and Quebec, Ontario's 99 seats were roughly split between the Tories and Grits, with the former picking up 47 to the latter's 42. The NDP only managed to capture 10 seats.

Inside Metro there were a few surprises as the Conservatives won in 18 of the 33 seats, the Liberals got 13 and NDP 2.

There were a few nervous moments shortly after polls closed in the swing riding of St. Paul's. However, when it was over, this Toronto riding remained in Conserative hands with incumbent Barbara McDougall defeating Liberal Aideen Nicholson by a plurality of 3,570 votes.

"I think Canadians have chosen a future that looks outward. I think they will be proud of themselves tomorrow to have chosen it," McDougall told more than 300 campaign workers.

Bob Kaplan, who was reelected in York Centre, watches his 15,000 majority pile up with his daughter Raquel, a psychology major at Carleton University. [Graphic Artists photo]

The mood was quite different at another Conservative incumbent's headquarters.

In the key swing riding of Willowdale, about 75 Tory supporters watched gravely as riding subdivision results were posted at John Oostrom's committee room. There was a mild flurry when it was learned that Bayview Village, as expected, had gone Tory. But Oostrom was waiting for news from Bathurst St. He had expressed concern that he would not pull in the potentially large Jewish vote.

While news of Mulroney's new majority elicited cheers, Oostrom was still waiting for his own good news.

"I'm holding my own in the Jewish area. That's good," he said.

However good was not good enough. When it was finally over Oostrom, who had squeaked by then MP Jim Peterson by 362 votes in the 1984 Tory landslide, had gone down to defeat, losing this time by a margin of 2,103 votes.

Meanwhile, at the Liberal victory party, hundreds of cars lined neighborhood roads around the Council House on Bathurst St. where a crush of workers peered at the front wall as individual polling results were brought in by runners.

While numbers quickly changed, Peterson began to draw away from Oostrom shortly after 9.30 p.m. Supporters from a number of ethnic communities were visibly charged up with the growing lead.

Finally, with victory a certainty, Peterson appeared on stage with his wife Heather and family members. His brother Ontario Premier David Peterson stood unobtrusively at one side until after the newly elected MP spoke.

But first Oostrom stepped up to the microphone and conceded with grace. Then Peterson, beaming, gave his victory speech.

Results in the neighboring riding of York Centre proved no surprise as Liberal incumbent Bob Kaplan steamrolled to an even greater victory than in 1984, drawing 24,623 votes compared to 9,204 by his nearest opponent, Conservative Rocco Sebastiano.

His majority of 15,419 in this election is almost twice as much as last time and is one of the biggest Liberal majorities in all of Canada.

Notching his sixth victory in seven tries, the former Liberal solicitor-general shook his head in disbelief as the York Centre polls reported. He lost only four of the riding's 160 polls.

"I'm looking at a garden full of flowers," Kaplan told supporters in his victory address, flanked by his wife Estherelke, his mother Pearl, daughter Racquel, and his son John. "It's the best campaign I've ever been in."

Kaplan told The CJN that his priorities vis a vis the Jewish community are to get some action on war criminals and to correct what he described as "the government's tilt on the Middle East."

While Kaplan was obviously happy with his success, another Liberal couldn't have been too happy with his party's good fortunes.

Voters in the traditional Liberal riding of Eglinton-Lawrence remained true-Grits as newcomer Joseph Volpe swept to victory by 7,582 votes over former Liberal cabinet member, now a Tory hopeful, Tony Abbott.

Volpe's victory was not without its costs though. After defeating incumbent Roland de Corneille for the party's nomination last spring, many Liberals, including de Corneille, left the party fold. De Corneille even went as far as actively campaigning for Abbott.

Despite de Corneille's defection to the Tory camp, Volpe managed to win by an even greater margin than de Corneille secured in 1984.

In other Toronto ridings:

- Conservative Barbara Greene was elected in the new riding of Don Valley North by 480 votes over Liberal Sarkis Assadourian, while NDP candidate Anton Kuerti finished third.
- Conservative John Bosley had little trouble being reelected in Don Valley West. He defeated Liberal Liz Yorke by 7,184 votes.
- However in the new riding of Trinity-Spadina, NDP MP Dan Heap just managed to get back in, besting Liberal challenger Tony Ianno by only 529 votes.
- In York South-Weston, NDP candidate Steve Krashinsky was once again shut out by Liberal MP John Nunziata, this time by a margin of over 12,000 votes.

The Tories and Grits both made gains in ridings north of Metro. While Tory Michael O'Brien first appeared to have won York North by 58 votes, a recount gave the riding to Liberal Marizio Bevilacqua by 66 votes.

Immediately west, in the new riding of Markham, voters turned out in droves to elect Conservative Bill Attewell, chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry.

The former Don Valley East MP, who moved with his family a year ago into the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, garnered a decisive 36,672 votes, defeating Liberal Jag Bhaduria by over 14,000 votes.

"We're going back to Ottawa not only with a tremendous margin in this new riding, but with a majority," a jubilant Attewell told hundreds of supporters who gathered to celebrate his victory at the Buttonville Country Club.

Attewell — flanked by family members including his wife, Sandy — thanked his supporters, canvassers and campaign organizers for their help in getting him elected.

Across Ontario, only one of three Jewish candidates was elected.

Liberal veteran Herb Gray was returned in Windsor West by a margin of 11,709 over NDP challenger Paul Forder, while in nearby Windsor-Lake St. Clair, fellow Liberal Shaughnessy Cohen was defeated by NDP incumbent Howard McCurdy.

Further north NDP candidate Lloyd Greenspoon finished third in Algoma.

Efforts by two Jewish hopefuls in the Atlantic provinces also proved fruitless.

In Gander-Grand Falls, Conservative Abe Schwartz finished second to incumbent Liberal George Baker and in Dartmouth, NDP candidate Marty Zelenietz finished a distant third as Liberal Ron MacDonald took the seat from the Tories.

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Among fringe party candidates to go down to defeat was Victoria lawyer Douglas Christie, who ran as an independent in Saanich-Gulf Islands in BC and received 171 votes.

Kyle Strolenberg, 3½, makes a victory sign as granddad Bill Attewell, Markham's new MP, looks on. Attewell is chairman of the Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry. [Belinda Silberman photo]

Election Final

Finestone piles up 12,500-vote plurality in Mount Royal

Chassidim emerge as factor in PC Outremont win

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The chassidim, much maligned in some quarters for their lack of integration into mainstream society, emerged as a surprise factor in the Conservatives' upset victory in Outremont.

Many chassidim openly supported Tory Jean-Pierre Hogue, who defeated incumbent Liberal Lucie Pepin by a margin of about 1,800 votes — the first time the area has not elected a Liberal since Confederation.

A group of chassidim were present to congratulate Hogue on his victory the night of the election, and a few went down to the Queen Elizabeth Hotel to join the party's citywide celebration.

Joseph Kizelnik, a member of the Vishnitzer chassidim, said support among the chassidim for Hogue, a 60-year-old professor at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, was "almost unanimous."

About 2,500 chassidic Jews live in the city of Outremont, but the riding takes in territory extending as far east as St. Denis and, on the west, into Cote des Neiges, encompassing the areas inhabited by many ultra-Orthodox Jews. In total, Jews account for more than 11% of the riding.

He said the chassidim were attracted to Hogue because they like him as a person, rather than for any policy his party represents. "He looked like a very sympathetic person, who came to us with a platform. It's not that we don't like the Liberals; we like them just as much."

Free trade was not a significant reason, Kizelnik said, because the community is divided on whether it will help or hurt their businesses.

Even women voted

Although the chassidim have the image of shunning the secular world, Kizelnik said they have voted in past federal elections "no more and no less" than anyone else. Even women voted this time, he said.

Certainly, it was easier for the chassidim to be involved in Outremont politics this time than in 1984, when both the Liberal and Conservative candidates were women.

Morty Cohen, a key organizer for Hogue, says he was as surprised as anyone by the warm reception Hogue was extended by the chassidic community of the Outremont area, which is divided into at least a dozen sects.

Hogue has met with different chassidic groups in their synagogues and schools during the campaign, but Cohen denied that the Outremont Conservatives had targetted the chassidim in any way.

However, he said, he sensed that the chassidim saw Hogue as "a very sincere human being. He related well to them and has great sensitivity."

Cohen said Hogue made no promises to the chassidim, who were embroiled in a zoning dispute to build a synagogue this past year, and none were asked of him.

Next door in Mount Royal, Liberal incumbent Sheila Finestone convincingly defeated her nearest rival, Conservative Robert Presser, by 12,500 votes — the largest plurality of the 12 seats retained by the Liberals in Quebec. In 1984, Finestone defeated Conservative Sharon Wolfe by only 4,000 votes.

Finestone did even better than her organizers predicted. Sidney Margles, president of the Mount Royal Liberal Association, was confident Finestone would take the riding by 8,000 votes just a few days before the election.

The riding's Jewish population represents 38% of the total, the largest proportion in Canada, but a blatant bid for the Jewish vote by 23-year-old Presser in the final week of the campaign apparently bore little fruit.

Presser placed a full-page advertisement in The CJN, featuring a photo of Presser with Israeli Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh and a pledge by Presser to work in Parliament for the interests of the Jewish community and Israel.

Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner (centre), victorious in Pierrefonds-Dollard, is congratulated by campaign workers (from left) Michel Sabbag, Stuart Freedman, Peter Hart and Howard Shulkin. [Howard Kay photo]

The ambassador quickly moved to distance himself from the advertisements.

"The ambassador of Israel wants to make it clear that he never intended, nor does he intend, to interfere in any form in the free and democratic electoral system of Canada," read a statement issued by the Israeli consulate in Montreal.

The Mount Royal Liberals, as they repeatedly said, took nothing for granted in this campaign. A big worry was getting the elderly (22% of the riding is over 60), which were presumed to be strongly Liberal, out to vote.

Finestone's organizers worked feverishly to make sure the elderly were enumerated, that they got to the advance polls if they were heading south for the winter, and that they were given lifts election day so as not to be discouraged getting out to the polls by the light snowfall of the night before.

Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner, who it was believed might not be re-elected in the newly structured Pierrefonds-Dollard riding, easily defeated Liberal Bernard Patry by some 3,700 votes.

Speculation is now mounting on whether Weiner will retain his cabinet post. Factors in his favor include his being the only Jewish Tory and one of just two Conservative anglophones elected on the Island of Montreal.

He was also promoted two months before the election from minister of state for multiculturalism to a full minister of a department independent of the Secretary of State.

Weiner, however, is not a member of the "inner cabinet" which has influence over the government's direction, and he is now competing for a cabinet post against a large pool of new Quebec Conservatives.

The third Jewish MP from Quebec, David Berger, managed to be elected for the fourth time, but narrowly.

Berger, 38, who is entering his fourth term in the House of Commons, finished just 900 votes ahead of Conservative Keith MacLellan.

Mount Royal's Sheila Finestone celebrates as the results come in with Sidney Margles (left), president of the Mount Royal Liberal Association and her husband Alan Finestone. [Howard Kay photo]

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World-National

Canada expecting 750 Soviet Jews, CJF told

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

At a widely attended forum at the recent General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in New Orleans, participants were told that an expected influx next year of up to 750 Soviet Jews to Canada will create problems of acclimatization that must be addressed now.

Karl Zuckerman, executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, a U.S. agency responsible for pre- and post-immigration services, told Canadian (and some American) delegates at the forum that the Soviet policy of glasnost (openness) may lead to the emigration of 30,000 Jews next year. While 90 are expected to settle in the United States, 750 will probably move to Canada, mostly Toronto, he said.

Those who decide on Canada as their final destination will be faced with the problems of adapting to a new environment, and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services must be prepared to assist in their adjustment, he said.

Jack Ajzenberg of Toronto, a consultant to the CJF who attended the General Assembly, said Zuckerman pointed out the specific needs and problems faced by Soviet Jews.

These result from the nature of the society they are leaving, Zuckerman said. They are exiting a totalitarian society in which from an early age they have a clear career path from which they seldom vary; in North America, needless to say, things are quite different and they must be acclimatized to that new reality by the Jewish community which receives them.

Another adjustment facing Soviet Jews, the forum was told, was charting an individualized path of acculturation to the plethora of Jewish experiences available here, compared to the absence of similar choices in the Soviet Union.

Soviet refugees must also be aided in simple matters, Zuckerman added, such as finding an apartment, choosing a new career path or becoming reaccredited in their chosen fields.

Most important is their first year of resettlement, when a variety of Jewish agencies must be coordinated to provide family, vocational, religious and cultural services, the meeting was told.

Herb Rosenfeld, president of Toronto Jewish Congress and former national president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, said the influx of Soviet Jews will create the need for increased levels of trained volunteers and the need to convince the Canadian government to become involved in the sponsorship of Soviet Jewish refugees.

The forum was chaired by Peter Wolkove, president of Montreal's Allied Jewish Community Services. Joining Rosenfeld as respondent during the forum was Sheldon Sper, JIAS national president.

A second forum designed specifically for the 200 Canadian delegates attending the GA, focused on the changing political climate in Canada.

History professor Irving Abella and political science professor David Dewitt, both of York University, examined Canadian Jews' relationship to Parliament and how they can work within the parameters of the national political system to explain the position of the Jewish Community on a variety of issues.

Canadian foreign policy was examined in light of relations with Israel and the Palestinians as well as the effect Canada may have as a member of the United Nations Security Council next year.

A third forum looked at endowments for Canadian Jewish federations. Representatives from federations in Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, Vancouver, Windsor and Winnipeg attended the highly specialized session, Ajzenberg said.

With Sam Helfenbaum, endowment director for Toronto Jewish Congress fielding questions, it provided a broad overview of ways to establish, maintain and nurture endowments.

Methods of solicitation were also discussed.

Endowments are a capital fund that can provide a stream of income for special community programs, Ajzenberg stated.

Also on the Canadians' agenda were two special receptions where delegates met their cohorts from other cities and exchanged ideas and advice. The receptions were sponsored by the Canadian CJF and the Montreal AJCS.

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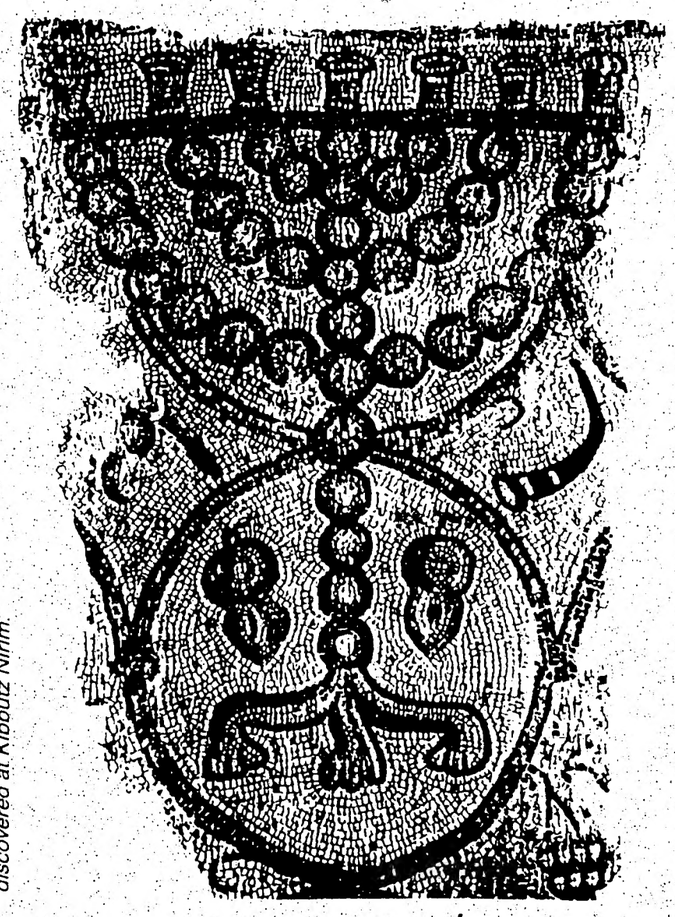

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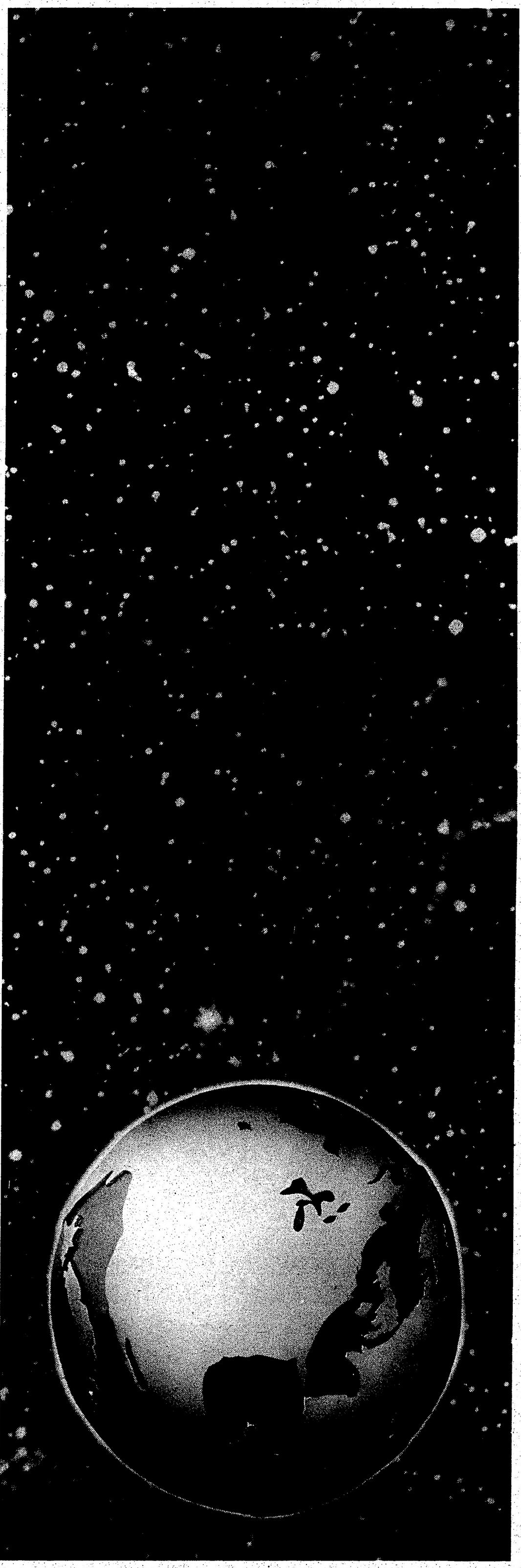

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CJC action committee head monitored elections

Most Israelis focused on personalities—Ronen

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
In a nation of 3 million Prime Ministers, Moshe Ronen found out quickly that he couldn't get into a taxi or order food in Israel without hearing another opinion on the elections.

Ronen, chairman of the Israel action committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, was in Israel recently to monitor last month's elections firsthand. He was among a handful of foreign observers to be at Likud headquarters the night the votes were tallied.

As far as Ronen could discern, a "majority" of Israeli voters — especially as the election grew closer — based their decisions on the personalities of the two main party leaders, Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres.

The main talk on the street, he found, was the international peace conference, a concept traditionally opposed by Shamir and favored by Peres.

Had the independant Palestinian state been proclaimed by the PLO prior to the election — with the recognition of China and the Soviet Union — Peres would have been trounced, Ronen believes.

Everyone was "consumed" by the elections, while the differences among voters and the tension in the air were "palpable," made more so by probably the most visible campaign waged by the ultra-Orthodox factions.

The rise in power of the religious right appeared to be the most surprising feature of the election, Ronen maintains. "No one thought they would be the winners."

Although voter turnout was high at 84%, the Arab vote went up by 20%, while the increase in the Jewish vote was just 8%. Half the Arab vote went to Communist parties, Ronen says.

Spending the night of the vote at Likud headquarters was "fascinating. At 10 o'clock, the television announced a tie — 40 seats each for Labor and Likud. It was tense." In the end, Likud received 40 seats, Labor, 39. In coalition bargaining, Shamir had the support of 63 members of the 120-seat Knesset, while Peres could muster only 55.

What is causing so much consternation in the Diaspora — the Who is a Jew controversy, revived because of the increased religious representation — is not a concern in Israel, Ronen says.

"Israelis don't seem to care about it. They care more about what's going to be opened or closed on Saturdays."

Ronan does not think the Who is a Jew amendment will pass, provided it is conducted in a secret ballot. "If it's an open ballot, then it's dangerous."

On a personal note, Ronen went to visit former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and found him to be in good spirits. "He's out of his depression. He looked good. He told me it would probably be difficult for Shamir to form a unity government, but not impossible."

Moshe Ronen (left) chats with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Bronfman to speak

TORONTO —
Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, will address the prestigious Canadian Club on Monday, Dec. 5 during a brief visit to Toronto.

The lunchtime address at the Royal York Hotel will focus on the current state of world Jewry. As president of the WJC, Bronfman has met with many world leaders and recently returned from a trip to the Soviet Union where he met with Foreign Minister Eduard Sheverdnadze.

Among those who will be present at the head table are Senior Rabbi Dow Marmur of the Holy Blossom Temple, Sen. Leo Kolber, Ray Wolfe of the Oshawa Group, Murray Koffler, founder of Shoppers Drug Mart, Judith Loeb-Cohen, president of the National Ballet of Canada and former Ontario Premier Bill Davis.

Bronfman will also address the Jewish community on the state of world Jewry later that evening at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., in an event sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and Toronto Jewish Congress.

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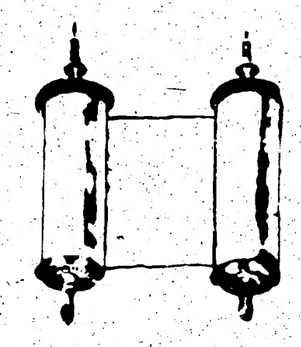

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayeshev

No Jew should ever give up. As long as there is life, there is hope, there is future.

A cantor was with a congregation for many years until he grew quite elderly. The congregants complained that he was over the hill, and his voice no longer had the power to stir hearts.

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The Chazzan denied this. "I still have a great power!" he argued. "Why, just last Shabbat, I sang out the words: '. . . habocher bi'amo Yisrael bi'ahavah! . . . who chooses His nation Israel with love!' and the congregation grew so frightened from my voice they all shouted out: 'Shma Yisrael!' " (Chad vi'chalak)

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Everyone has to go through valleys of the spirit. The challenge is to stay strong, and to come out even higher, even greater.

Consider . . . in this week's parsha we read about the intense rivalry between Joseph and his brothers. They feared this young, handsome son, and hated him for his dreams.

One day, when they tended their father's flock in Shechem, Father Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers, an errand that began the whole cycle of the Israelites' exile into Egypt.

Says the verse: "Vayishlachayhu may'emek Chevron . . . and he sent him from the valley of Hebron. . . ." (Breshit 37:12)

But Hebron was not a valley, Hebron was atop the hills! Rashi explains it mystically: "He sent Joseph from the 'aytzah,' the deep plan of the righteous one (Father Abraham) who is buried in Hebron. It was the fulfilment of God's words: 'Your children will be strangers in a land that is not their's. . . .'"

What does Rashi mean? What was that great "aytzah," that great plan of Father Abraham?

But — explains Reb Abraham of Sokotchov — Abraham had set a great example for Joseph. Abraham was not raised in a nice, Jewish home. He was raised among idolators. Out of the blackness of his youth, he was able to discover the great light of serving God. Because he was originally *denied* everything holy, he had such a strong desire to seek the Almighty.

So also, Abraham was afraid that his descendants would eventually lose that fire that he had worked so hard to kindle. Judaism for them would be chilly, something taken for granted — and finally lost. The exile into Egypt was a proving ground for the whole Jewish nation! Aitzah amukah! (Ituray Torah)

Every Jew must go through the exile of his own soul. There are times and there are times. Times of great fire, great fervor, and times of doubting and coolness. But out of the doubting comes new light, comes new understanding. A Jew is born fresh every day, a new service of the Almighty.

Taught Reb Nachman of Brestlov: "If I am the same today as I was yesterday, why do I need today?

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We must find directions for ourselves. Where are we coming from? Where are we going? What means something to us? Why are we working so hard? What are we looking for? What will make us happy?

We must find ourselves. An angel found Joseph wandering in the wilderness and asked him: "What are you seeking?" (Breshit 37:15)

When we know what we are looking for, when we know what means something to us, when we have set good goals, then there is hope. (Kotzker Rebbe)

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York U's Goldberg addresses PNAI meeting

Israeli polarization disturbs prof

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO — Israeli politics have shifted significantly toward the fundamentalist religious right and the secular political right, says Prof. David Goldberg, national director of Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

A "disturbing" aspect of the election was the polarization over security issues and the peace process, said Goldberg who was speaking at a recent meeting of the Toronto chapter of Parents of North American Israelis.

Goldberg, who teaches political science at York University, said that historically, security was an issue on which there was a broad consensus.

He also singled out another fundamental change; the breakdown of the "religious-secular detente." Goldberg said that historically the religious parties have been interested only in internal Israeli matters related to maintaining halacha. Now, he said, the Orthodox have become politicized over the future of Judea and Samaria. They do not wish the territories to be traded in exchange for peace.

Goldberg said that "the strength and size of the religious vote was a surprise." Between them, the religious parties gained 18 seats, up four from the 1984 election.

He suggested that the religious parties will exact a high price for their support of any coalition.

A second surprise, said the professor, was the strength of the shift to the extreme right. "(Prime Minister) Shamir has not advocated annexation or expulsion," said Goldberg, referring to the demands of the far right that the Gaza and Judea and Samaria be annexed, and the Arabs expelled.

"He has formerly declared that there will be no annexation, no expulsion." But, Greenberg added, some analysts are concerned that Shamir cannot afford to ignore the demands of the far right and expect he'll accede to their demands "through the back door," allowing "creeping annexation."

Asked how far the secular parties could go to meet the demands of the religious parties, Goldberg replied that Shamir, and Peres, too, would "go as far as they have to, to form a government.

"One thing that was not surprising," said Goldberg, "was the stalemate that emerged" from the elections. He also remarked that "only time will tell what effect this election will have on the peace process." He explained that currently there are still too many unknowns.

Victor Sefton, president of the Toronto branch of Parents of North America Israelis said the organization has 33 chapters in the United States and Canada.

He said that the Toronto chapter, which is one of the most active, has 125 member families and the group holds 10 meetings a year.

Sefton says that at their meetings, "everyone comes early and leaves late. We all have something in common. . . . It's one place we can show pictures of our children and no one will push them aside," he added with a smile.

For information on PNAI, Victor Sefton can be contacted at 781-4466.

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Organizations and People

Argentinian, ex-Refusenik and Israeli at regional meeting

CJC session gets update on three countries

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Speakers from the four corners of the Jewish world addressed last week's regional meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress, updating the Ontario executive on developments in Argentina, Israel and the Soviet Union.

Despite increased emigration figures from the Soviet Union, the lives of most Refuseniks have not been changed by the policy of glasnost (openness), said Elena Dubianskaya, a former leader in the Moscow Jewish movement who now lives in Israel.

There are other problems in the country, she added, pointing to the problem of anti-semitism and the rise of Pamyat, an anti-semitic, nationalist organization.

Turning her attention to the recently-announced Mikhoels Jewish cultural and religious centre in Moscow, Dubianskaya said "you can be sure it will be controlled by the KGB (Soviet secret police)" and other authorities.

If it is a true Jewish cultural centre, she said, it should make available information about Israel, but all you see in the Soviet Union is "terrible anti-Zionist propaganda." Despite her criticism, she acknowledged the centre could play an important role in spreading Jewish culture.

Israeli journalist Avinoam Bar-Yosef told the meeting that from the outside, Israel appears to be becoming more fundamentalist. But that is not the message of the election, he suggested.

Looking at the growth of the Shas Party (Sephardi Torah Guardians), which garnered 4 seats in the 1984 election and 6 in the Nov. 1 vote, Bar-Yosef said it represented a struggle in the Sephardi community to be represented in the country's political life.

An under-represented constituency since 1948, the Sephardi vote in 1977 pushed Menachem Begin's Likud bloc into power and in 1981 gave the Tami Party three Knesset seats.

Though Shas is considered a "non-Zionist Party," its support comes mainly from traditionalists and nationalists who at one time voted for Likud, he said.

Among Sephardim, there are only about 3,000-4,000 haredim (ultra-Orthodox), he said. But Shas received 120,000 ballots, mostly from traditional Jews who would go to synagogue Saturday morning and to a soccer game in the afternoon.

Bar-Yosef, West Bank and Gaza correspondent for the Ma'ariv newspaper, suggested that if other parties made changes to incorporate the Sephardi constituency, Shas would lose support.

Turning to the intifada (uprising), Bar-Yosef said Palestinians erred when they attacked inside the green line (the pre-1967 Israeli border) and sought the support of Israeli Arabs.

For Jews, it appeared that even if there would be some sort of settlement, a struggle inside the country's borders would continue.

The Palestinian National Council, which recently declared an independent state and recognized UN resolutions on the Israel-Arab conflict, failed to show that Palestinian aspirations were changing, he said.

As long as they speak of returning to Jaffa, Acre and Jerusalem, Israel will do everything possible not to come to a compromise, he added.

And because the West Bank is so small and unviable as an independent state, to Israelis it appears that any Palestinian entity there would try to expand to the west.

Bar-Yosef concluded by suggesting that if Israel attempts to talk with Palestinians within the territories about autonomy, there might be a positive response from the local population.

In an earlier report, Buenos Aires resident Renee Epelbaum told the meeting that the lesson of that Argentine "Holocaust" — the military regime of 1975-82 — was that "It is necessary to speak out immediately when we witness a tragedy, a violation of human rights, of human dignity...not to be passive."

Epelbaum, a founder of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, one of the foremost human rights groups during the military's reign of terror, lost three children to the military's terror.

She castigated the DAIA, the congress of Argentine Jews, for its quiescent role during the military repression when many Jews were among the tens of thousands of "disappeared" — people kidnapped and killed by police and military death squads.

She said the Jewish population declined through emigration during the repression — some moving to Spain, others making aliya — and that Jewish life is now "normal" under the country's democratic government.

In other Congress business, Edmond Lipsitz, executive director of CJC's Ontario Region, reminded the meeting of the upcoming plenary assembly in Montreal, May 7-9.

About 1,000 delegates are expected for the 2½-day assembly, which will feature a keynote address by Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress.

He urged delegates who wish to discuss various issues to submit resolutions by the new Dec. 7 deadline to make sure they get on the agenda.

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Organizations and People

Dubianskaya says activists must not ease up

No real change seen in situation of Refuseniks

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

The Soviets' new policies of glasnost and perestroika may be resulting in some improvements in the USSR, but there is no fundamental change in the situation of Refuseniks, says a former leading Moscow Refusenik.

"It is true we have some positive changes in the situation of Soviet Jews," Elena Dubianskaya said.

"We no longer have Prisoners of Zion in labor camps and the number of people who are getting permission has increased.

"But there are also negative aspects too," said the 42-year-old former history and political economy teacher.

For example, most of the people who are now receiving exit visas are first-time applicants, while longtime Refuseniks are still being detained in the USSR, she said.

Dubianskaya, who immigrated to Israel with her family in April, was recently in Toronto as part of a month-long speaking tour to North America and England.

Her 4-day visit here was co-sponsored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry committee.

Dubianskaya — who stayed at the home of Judith Bloom, Hadassah's national Soviet Jewry chairman and national Jews in Arab lands chairman — is a former adopted Refusenik of Toronto Hadassah.

In an interview, the petite founding member of Jewish Women Against Refusal in the Soviet Union said that despite changes in the USSR, activists must continue their efforts to help Soviet Jews.

"Until there is no longer a single Refusenik being kept in the Soviet Union against his will, we must not stop our struggle," Dubianskaya said.

"It's time for our brothers and sisters to go from the Soviet Union if they don't want to live there."

Former Refusenik Elena Dubianskaya with Hadassah-WIZO's Judith Bloom.

But Soviet officials want to keep Refuseniks from emigrating because they are like "hard currency" in their negotiations for economic help from the West, she said.

When Refuseniks do get out, it usually results in some concessions from the West, she explained.

"Soviets now need a lot of investment for their economy because it's at a very low level and they understand that without Western support, they can do nothing."

Dubianskaya waited 12 years to emigrate to Israel. During that period she was repeatedly denied an exit visa on grounds an unspecified relative had access to state secrets.

Her 53-year-old husband, Eric Khassin, a former metallurgic engineer, was also refused an exit visa because he had allegedly held a classified job.

But Soviet officials finally relented, giving emigration permission to Dubianskaya, her husband, and their 20-year-old daughter, Inna. They also brought out Sunday, the family's 8½-year-old Dachshund.

Since their arrival in Tel Aviv, the family has lived in an absorption centre where Dubianskaya and her husband have been studying Hebrew. Their daughter is a nursing student.

Dubianskaya recently found employment with the Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry, while her husband began a job last week in his field. The family plans to move early next year into a 2-bedroom apartment recently purchased in Rishon Lezion near Tel Aviv.

"I love this terrible country," she said jokingly of her new home.

"Israel has its problems. That's no secret. But this is my home and if I don't like something then I have to do something to change it."

During her visit here, Dubianskaya addressed about 300 people at an early Chanukah party and dinner organized by Toronto Hadassah at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

She also spoke to about 20 members of the CJC's Toronto Youth Council for Soviet Jewry. The Council represents Jewish day schools and Jewish youth movements in Toronto.

She also addressed the CJC's Ontario Region Soviet Jewry committee, CJC Ontario Region executives, the Toronto Interfaith Council on Soviet Jewry, and about 35 public affairs chairmen from Toronto Hadassah's 70 local chapters.

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Egged bus windows shatterproof

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

Egged buses have been hit with rocks "sometimes twice a week, sometimes once every 10 days," since the Palestinian uprising began last December, says Ze'ev Spektor, the manager of Egged's tourism lines.

But until the firebombing on Oct. 30, when a mother and her three young sons were burned to death on an Egged bus in Jericho, no major injuries resulted from the Palestinian attacks.

Part of the reason may be attributed to luck — and part to the shatterproof windows that have been installed on most Egged buses within the past three months.

"You can shoot at those windows with machine guns and the bullets won't go through," Spektor said, adding that the new windows cost $6,250 (U.S.) per bus to replace.

"Our bus company started with the birth of this nation, and even before," he told The CJN. "This is not the first time that we have had to deal with difficulty on the roads.

"Our policy is that everywhere that there is a station or a place that interests people, we travel there, even with the dangers."

Despite a decrease in tourism to Israel since last December, Egged has altered its schedules hardly at all.

"People are taking less tours to Hebron and Bethlehem, so we've dropped some of our buses along these routes," Spektor reported. "To all other places, there has been no change."

Except on Moslem or Jewish holidays, one or two Egged buses still arrive daily in Bethlehem and Hebron, he added.

"I can tell you one thing! It's more dangerous sitting in a pub in Belfast than travelling in these areas by daylight," Spektor said.

Visiting Israel in its long hour of trouble involves "a question of faith," Spektor said. "We have here a blue sky, a bright sun, and many holy places. We hope that people will come," he added.

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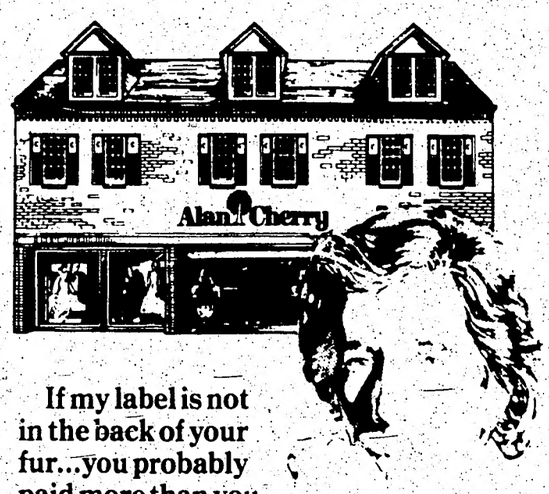

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First female president

Mishkel heads Hamilton's Beth Jacob shul

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — "To grace the bima with dignity" is the hope of Hamilton's first woman synagogue president.

When Norma Mishkel recently assumed the post at Beth Jacob Synagogue — "a Conservative congregation with Orthodox leanings" — she did so not to prove a feminist point but because it "evolved naturally" and because she loves being involved in synagogue life.

"I am not a trailblazer," nor, she remarked during an interview in the Beth Jacob board room, was it ever "a goal of mine to become synagogue president."

When she joined the board in 1973, Mishkel was among the first women to do so. She was also the first woman to be invited to serve on the finance committee, has held numerous chairmanships and is currently the longest serving board member.

Found little opposition

She acknowledges that "there may be some elders who might resent seeing a woman on the bima," and she will endeavor, she says, "not to do anything that would be offensive to the more observant members. But at the same time," she continues, "I have to do what I think is right."

Mishkel encountered little opposition and it says a lot for the men on the board, she adds, that they saw something in her that they felt could be of benefit.

In fact, she was "truly overwhelmed by the warmth . . . the genuine liking for me . . . coming from elders, some of whom might resent seeing a woman on the bima."

When she arrived here in 1969 with her husband, Dr. Maurice Mishkel, a professor at McMaster University's medical school and director of the Hamilton General Hospital-McMaster Lipid Clinic, and their three young sons, — Greg and David are both doctors now and Ian is in business, and there are two daughters-in-law — one of the first things the family did was join Beth Jacob.

Home is Sidney, Australia, where Mishkel grew up in an Orthodox shul and at 13, organized a youth group and the following year, a Zionist youth league.

In Australia they had known only Orthodox and Liberal Judaism but during the two years the family spent in New York prior to coming here, "we discovered Conservative Judaism," explains Mishkel.

And there, far from home and family, "and being the only woman in a family of four men," joining a congregation where they could sit and worship together was more comforting.

Norma Mishkel

"The Jewish way of life is to maintain roots" and she firmly believes, says Mishkel, "that the synagogue is the most important thing" in maintaining those roots.

Although a member of B'nai B'rith Women and a life member of Hadassah, Mishkel decided on returning to work full time 15 years ago and to devote her volunteer time to the synagogue.

As a medical researcher and coordinator of research with the McMaster department of clinical epidemiology and bio-statistics, she also sits on a number of professional committees "but there is only so much a wife and mother with a full time job can do." Rather than become involved in too many activities, she prefers to do one thing well, she says.

Thoughtful and expressing herself carefully, Mishkel defines her greatest strengths as her "deep and abiding faith," her organizing talents and the ability to bring out the best in people. She believes members of her sex are doing themselves a disservice by trying to be superwomen and "it doesn't upset me to accept help," she says.

She considers herself lucky to have "a very committed and supportive executive and board," and especially, the support of Rabbi Israel Silverman and his wife, Gloria.

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Organizations and People

Ex-combat medic praises role of Beit Halochem

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —

Dr. Eitan Friedman knows from personal experience that Israel's Beit Halochem rehabilitation centres for disabled veterans are doing a great job.

"I owe them," said Friedman, who was temporarily paralyzed when he was wounded during a military action against the Palestine Liberation Organization on the Israel-Lebanon border.

Dr. Friedman is in Toronto to promote a special screening of Lo Sum Zion (I don't Give a Damn) sponsored by the Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel (Canada).

The film, which in 1987 was the biggest commercial earner in Israel, concerns a young man who finds himself facing life as a paraplegic after being wounded in action. Proceeds from this special screening will go to Beit Halochem.

Friedman plays a minor role as a doctor, but says he identifies strongly with the central figure.

He explains he was at the same Beit Halochem facility featured in the film and seeing it brought back memories of a period in his life he'd just as soon forget.

"The film does a great job of showing the anger, the frustration . . . the shame of being in a wheelchair . . . the actor did a great job," said Friedman.

Friedman was wounded in 1981, while serving as a field physician for an Israeli paratroop unit.

A PLO sniper had shot six soldiers in his unit. When Friedman went to their aid, the sniper shot him, as well, from a distance of only five yards. The bullet pierced Friedman's right shoulder and entered his spine, paralysing him instantly.

Originally it was feared he might be permamently paraplegic. "I was married for one year at the time," Friedman recalls. "They told my wife we wouldn't be having any children."

Fortunately, they were wrong. After three months of treatment, the doctor began to walk again and now has two children. "I feel very fortunate," he said.

Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel (Canada), the group sponsoring Friedman's visit and the screening of Lo Sum Zion, is in the process of changing its name to Beit Halochem — Canada (BHC). The old name was a "mouthful," says Sheila Gottlieb, the organization's vice-president.

One of BHC's main activities is to organize visits of disabled Israeli veterans to Canada, says Gottlieb. These visits are sponsored by a community organization, often a synagogue. Usually, the vets are brought over in groups of 10 and are billeted individually in people's homes.

"The visits make excellent connections between Israel and Canada." They also help restore the self-confidence of the veterans and "raise the consciousness of the people involved as to the plight of the disabled. We hope that's what the movie will do, too," says Gottlieb.

Lo Sum Zion will be shown on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Ontario Science Centre. Show times are 7 and 9 p.m. Admission is $18 for adults; $10 for students, with all proceeds going to the Beit Halochem of Israel.

For further information about Beit Halochem — Canada, contact the organization's office at 630-4031.

Gynecologist Suran dies at 73

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

Dr. Roland Suran, a gynecologist who did research on oral contraceptives, died recently in Toronto. He was 73.

Born and educated in Toronto, Suran did postgraduate studies in the United States and served with the U.S. army during World War II. He also studied at the Georgia Medical College in Augusta, Ga. and did a pathology residency in Buffalo.

For 25 years, he worked as a gynecological surgeon and obstetrician at Mount Sinai Hospital. He was also associated with Toronto General Hospital and, until a few years ago, was in private practice.

"He had an excellent reputation," says Sam Spivak, a friend and colleague. "He delivered two of my children."

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Suran's shul, remembers him as a man who was devoted to his patients.

"He was a very dedicated man in his field of obstetrics and gynecology."

Spivak, a dentist, says he and Suran opened their offices together in the early 50s at Spadina and Bloor. It was during this time that Suran did research on birth control pills.

Spivak also remembers his friend as an "ardent golfer." He had an interest in ham radio as well. Indeed, says his son Alan, Suran once spoke to an astronaut on a space shuttle flight.

In addition to his son, Suran is survived by his wife, Rita; his three daughters — Frances, Cindy and Laura (Beber) — and his two grandchildren.

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"Laundry not washed in public is laundry that stays dirty"

Panelists differ greatly on Jewish criticism issue

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Panelists discussing the pros and cons of Jews criticizing Israel publicly were poles apart on the issue at a workshop of the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Quebec Region Plenary.

The audience was overflow as Quebec Israel Committee director Gilbert Lemieux moderated the debate between Frederick Krantz, founding director of the Canadian Institute of Jewish Research, and Leon Wieseltier, literary editor of The New Republic Magazine.

Also taking part in the exchange was Blema Steinberg, a McGill University political professor.

To general positive reaction from the audience, Krantz reiterated his view that North American Jews have the right to differ among themselves, but must rally together in supporting Israel during a time of unprecedented crisis.

Wieseltier dismissed the position of Krantz, an associate professor of history at Concordia University, saying "if you cannot name the time and place when it's right to criticize, then you are recommending a recipe for the suppression of dissent . . . If a member of the family is in danger, it is your duty to speak up."

Steinberg sided with Wieseltier. What disturbed her was the notion that criticizing Israeli policy is somehow equated with disloyalty.

Another concern of hers was that Jews, if they feel "muzzled," would serve to erode support for Israel and that the Jewish community would be perceived as speaking with a "monolithic" voice, the silence implying support for Israel's policies.

Wieseltier argued that "laundry not washed in public is laundry that stays dirty."

Krantz countered that what is at stake "is not the right to involvement, but the nature of it.

"The fundamental reality that we are part of the Jewish people, but not part of the land. We do not die in their wars. We simply do not have the same political rights as Israeli citizens.

He continued: "In a severe crisis, it cannot be business as usual — common love (for Israel) must outweigh what divides us."

Wieseltier voiced bewilderment that the issue was even under discussion. In the U.S., "I thought we stopped debating this 10 years ago."

However, although Wieseltier and Steinberg got an intermittent smattering of applause, most of the audience, judged by the level of clapping, appeared to side with Krantz's view.

The trio differed sharply on many points.

Krantz contended that general media coverage of the intifada has served to "delegitimize" Israel and that Israel is undergoing its most severe crisis since the 1967 Six Day War.

Wieseltier strongly rejected both notions. He said the 167 war posed a much more imminent and dire threat to Israel's survival than the present situation and that PLO leader Yasser Arafat is no media hero.

Wieseltier, who repeatedly stated a life-long commitment to Zionism and Jewish life, also characterized the intifada as a "great relief," a historic opportunity for Israel to come to terms with the Palestinian situation.

Krantz responded by taking issue with the view of the intifada as a positive thing, and "we have to take into account the impact of our own actions."

Wieseltier found it puzzling that "criticism from the right is accepted but from the left is on the slippery slopes of treason." He called it a "repugnant double standard."

Steinberg said the Jewish community's attitude of keeping dissent private has contributed to perceptions on campus that as a whole the Jewish community supports Israel's policies. The irony might be that so-called Jewish "unity" may have led to increased anti-Zionist acitivities, Steinberg suggested.

Opinion was divided among questioners concluding the session.

To one criticism that intellectuals are less ready to criticize Arab nations, Wieseltier took strong issue. Arabs lived in a closed society, "but we don't. Should I shut up because those in Syria can't speak?"

Another speaker, a subscriber to The New Republic, said he enjoyed reading Wieseltier but called a recent article a "vicious attack" on Israel.

Krantz concluded that any exchange has to take into account the repercussions, because ". . . we exist in a community," he said, and have to consider that before speaking out.

But Wieseltier and Steinberg remained convinced that open and public debate would best serve Israel's interests in the long run.

Wieseltier's recommendation was that the Jewish community "shrei gevalt" when the situation warrants.

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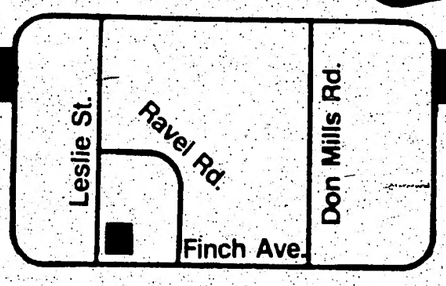

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Husband and wife team re-elected in Niagara

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

FORT ERIE, Ont. — The dynamo husband-and-wife team of Lou and Stella Ziff easily swept the recent local elections, winning seats on two Niagara Region governing bodies.

Stella was elected a Fort Erie representative on the Niagara Region council. She beat out her nearest rival, Madeline Faiazza, a former Fort Erie mayor, by a comfortable margin of 972.

Lou, a lawyer, renewed his term in office when he was acclaimed as one of two trustees representing Fort Erie on the Niagara South Board of Education.

Both Stella and Lou are former mayors of Fort Erie, and Stella's win marks a renewed political career that has spanned almost a decade.

"I had to do a lot of campaigning because Ms. Faiazza was very strong in one ward and I had to overcome that by running strongly in the other wards, which I did," Stella said of her election.

The grandmother of two also put up a tough fight at four gruelling all-candidates debates which drew large numbers of local residents.

"The signs were very positive that I'd win," Stella told The CJN. "However, in an election it *ain't* over until the last vote is counted."

Ecstatic after hearing of her victory, Stella called friends and relatives to tell them of the news.

"She phoned me the morning after the election and was very excited," said her sister Mimi Fliess, of Toronto.

"The whole family is very proud of her achievements."

Stella said key issues facing the new Niagara council include a restructuring of the region, sewage capacity, and policing in some areas.

"I hope to be involved in all of these issues where they affect Fort Erie," said the English-born politician, who has lived in Fort Erie since 1950.

Lou said a key concern for the Niagara South education board is the education system's inability to graduate students with the same level of proficiency as those in other countries.

This will be Lou's 4th year in office, while Stella moves to regional council after ending a 3-year term as alderman for the Town of Fort Erie.

Stella previously served from 1983 to 1985 as a director on the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, an international body which owns and operates the Peace Bridge between the two communities. She was also Fort Erie's mayor from 1979 to 1980.

In fact, the Ziffs have been involved in all aspects of community life during their tenure in Fort Erie.

Among their achievements, Stella was at one time a school board trustee and board chairman for Fort Erie, and Lou served as Fort Erie's mayor from 1948 to 1949.

Lou Ziff

Stella Ziff

WHOOPS!

Unfortunately the caption with a photo accompanying a story about Na'amat Canada's Chanukah Dollars for David campaign was not placed in last week's edition. Seen in the photo are Na'amat national president Tillie Margolis with Israeli children in the Holon Nursery which is supported by the organization.

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Bnei Akiva's role in religious education praised

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —

If religious education in Israel today is more widespread than it was 30 years ago, it's due in no small part to Bnei Akiva, an educator with that organization recently told an audience here.

Speaking at a melava malka at B'nai Torah Synagogue, Rabbi Chaim Druckman said that the steady growth of Bnei Akiva ulpans and yeshivas in Israel since 1958 has made the Jewish state more Torah observant.

Rabbi Chaim Druckman

"Eretz Israel from a spiritual point of view was a desert — really a desert," said Druckman who recalled that Bnei Akiva's first yeshiva in the Jewish state could boast only 13 boys.

But the situation, he added, improved markedly as Bnei Akiva's network of schools gradually took root.

"One yeshiva, another yeshiva, an ulpana, a chain of yeshivot and ulpanot...and the situation was changed," said Druckman who helped found and who is now rosh hayeshiva of Yeshivat Or-Etzion in Mercaz Shapiro.

You find kippot all over, in all aspects of life," Druckman continued. "Today, it's unbelievable to think it was once another situation."

But Druckman, who served in the Knesset for 12 years, cited statistics to show that much of Israel remains untouched by Torah values. Thirty thousand Israelis, including children as young as 14, are hard drug users, he said, adding that as many as 200,000 Israelis have used soft drugs.

Druckman also cited statistics showing that fewer than 1% of the students in non-religious schools had passed their matriculation exams in Talmud.

He told his listeners the most important task now is to strengthen Torah education in Israel.

"If you want to fight the evil, if you want to fight the negative, there's only one way," he said. "Add Torah, add light, add emunah, add Chochma."

Earlier, Rabbi Avishai David, rosh yeshiva of Bnei Akiva's Toronto schools, paid tribute to what he called the "quiet, unassuming but firm sense of leadership" of the evening's honoree, Rabbi Yaakov Nativ.

Nativ, menahel of Bnei Akiva's Ulpanat Orot Girls' school, drew a parallel between Bnei Akiva and its 2nd century CE namesake. Like the great rabbi, said Nativ, Bnei Akiva has also stressed devotion to Torah and talmidim — even in troubled times.

Nativ said the Bnei Akiva Toronto staff is privileged to be partners with both students and parents.

Earlier in the evening, Meyer Feldman, a board member of Bnei Akiva schools, paid tribute to Bea Tannenbaum, who recently retired after 13 years with Ulpanot Orot.

Brenda Freedman, a Bnei Akiva English teacher who also paid tribute to Tannenbaum, said the school's girls regarded Tannenbaum not as a secretary "but as a mother away from home."

Divrei Torah on parshat Vayetze were given by Jody Wohlgelernter and Danny Shields, presidents of the girls' and boys' students' councils, respectively.

Says Yemenite Jewry desperate for help

Rabbi lauds Jews of Russia

By
GLORIA DEUTSCH

TORONTO —

"It is easy to bury Lenin, but it is impossible to bury Judaism in Russia, even after 70 years," says an Israeli rabbi, describing the emotions he experienced on visiting Moscow recently.

Rav Simcha HaCohen Kook, the chief rabbi of Rehovot, must indeed have been an unusual sight to see in Red Square on a Shabbat morning.

The tall, gray-bearded rabbi, in his black streimel and kapote, who visited the USSR as part of an official American delegation, recounted how he was passing Lenin's tomb when a young girl called out to him "Gut Shabbes" and in subsequent conversation explained that she was Jewish and her mother had even observed kashruth.

Rabbi Simcha HaCohen Kook

"Here in Toronto you have a wonderful community, with schools, yeshivot, all kinds of Jewish institutions and charities," said the rabbi.

"But the "mesirat nefesh" — the spiritual devotion — of Jews in far-flung communities, cut off from the mainstream as in the Soviet Union and in Yemen, can never be on the same high level for you as it is for them."

Kook, who was on a fund raising mission for his yeshiva, Meor HaTalmud in Rehovot, was speaking at Bnei Torah Synagogue.

Besides his moving descriptions of services in the Moscow Great Synagogue, where he managed to persuade 40 young men outside to join him in prayer and dancing, and the 'shammas' to give out the precious siddurim for the occasion, Kook also described the plight of the thousands of Jews still in Yemen.

The information came to him through a Yemen-born former Rehovot resident who today lives in Toronto. He had visited Yemen disguised as an Arab, and had returned with terrible stories of persecution and photographic evidence.

"He brought photos of Jews sitting on the floor in the marketplace, surrounded by the hatred of the Arabs. The Jews are easily identifiable by their peyot and the colored tallit they wear on weekdays, also by the fact that the Arabs wear a knife in their belt, the Jews don't.

"There are no Jewish schools or teachers. . . . Children are abducted and forced to become Moslem, women are taken from their husbands. And yet they remain Jews — the same spiritual strength we see among the Jews of Russia. We must start to do something to save their lives."

In thanking Rav Kook for his talk, Kurt Rothschild, national president of Mizrachi in Canada, spoke of the universal popularity of the rabbi among both religious and non-religious groups in Rehovot.

This, said Rothschild, testified to his life as an advocate of "ahavat Yisrael," love of the people of Israel, so important particularly at this time of dissension.

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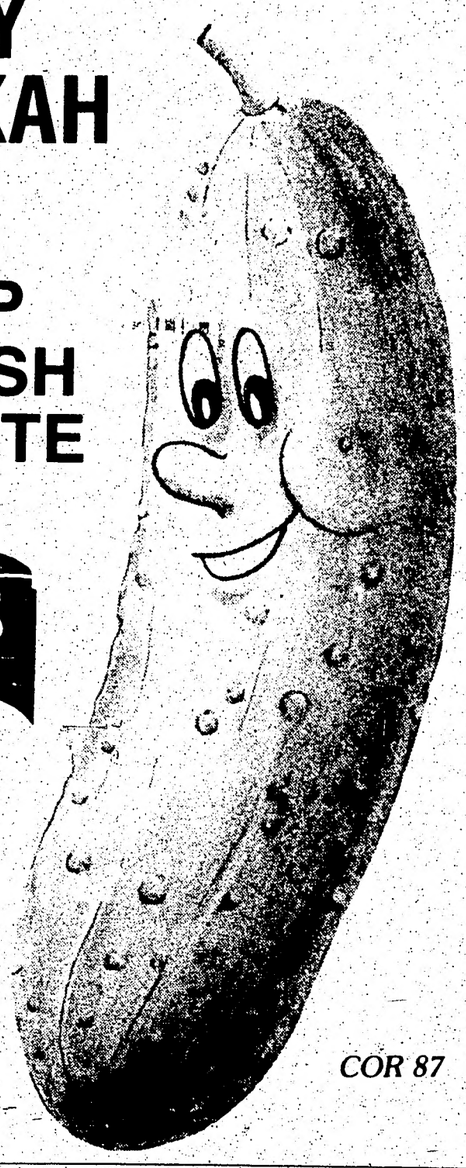

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Funds needed to save jobs, programs, says official

Technion $$ shortfall detailed

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Donations to the Technion from Canada are the highest per capita in the world but an increase in these donations of 20-25% is needed to help the Haifa institution make up a shortfall of $4 million to $6 million and save jobs and programs, a Technion official says.

"The Technion is not removed from the problems plaguing Israel's economy," Michael Schusheim, vice-president of administration and finance, told a luncheon audience at the Canadian Technion Society's recent annual general meeting.

Although government contributions to Israel's universities have been growing slowly since drastic cuts in 1984, he noted, the level is not back where it was.

"Tuition to the Technion is now about $1,800, Schusheim said, adding that fees account "for only a small portion of our budget." Although $1,800 Canadian represents two months salary for an average Israeli, Schusheim thinks tuition should be doubled with student loans being made available through the government and Israel's banks.

"The banks are looking for new ways to develop credit sources," he said.

Schusheim reported overseas contributions account for 11% of the Technion's budget. The institution generates 70% of its revenues through various projects and contracts. "The problem in running a deficit is that it becomes difficult recruitings new teachers to replace those retiring in the 1990s and keeping our building and equipment up to date," he said.

Schusheim spoke of the Technion's new programs — computer hardware, space research, robotics, technology management and biotechnology — industries vital to Israel's future in the 1990s.

Biotechnology," he said for example, "is an industry uniquely suited to Israel. "Few natural resources are required and the product is easily transfered to far off markets. It is generally agreed that the Technion is the right place for a major biotechnology centre in Israel. But we have to attract bright young faculty members."

He reviewed Israel's overall economic performance over the past four years. Inflation has been reduced, he noted, from a high of 445% in 1984 to a steady 15%-18% now. Israel's unemployment figures are among the lowest in the Western World thanks in part to a decrease in the number of Arab workers working in Israel.

The economy however has been hurt this year by the intifada, Schusheim said. The Arabs, however, are being hurt even more economically than Israel, he observed. He reviewed the dramatic gains in the Palestinian Arabs' standard of living under Israeli rule including six new universities and 24 vocational schools where none existed before.

"The new young Palestinian leadership is not only protesting against Israeli rule," he said. "They are also protesting the old Arab leadership and there is some fundamentalism in there as well."

Schusheim praised David Azrieli of Montreal, retiring president of the Canadian Technion Society for his achievements over the last five years and wished Sid Cooper of Toronto, the incoming president, well during his term in office.

Schusheim was followed to the podium by Manny Shimoni, the Technion's representative in Canada, who briefly discussed ways of strengthening the Canadian Technion Society through improved communications between different branches, perhaps having board meetings outside of Canada where Canadian members can interact with American or other members. He also proposed the establishment of a permanent representation in Calgary or Edmonton to build up the organization in Alberta again.

Group pledges to help Ilan facility expansion

MONTREAL —

The Canadian Friends of the Ilan, the Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children, has undertaken to assist in the expansion of the Ilan Sports and Rehabilitation Centre in Kiryat Haim, near Haifa.

The centre, built more than three years ago — also with Canadian assistance — serves 300 handicapped children and adults, suffering from polio, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy or amputation, in Haifa and the north of Israel. The centre is the only one of its kind in the region.

The centre's director, Uzi Perle, who was in Montreal recently, said the proposed expansion of the centre would allow it to serve up to 2,000 persons.

The centre sits on 4½ acres of land and consists of indoor swimming pools, two tennis courts (one of which also serves as a basketball court), small therapy and exercise rooms, and a cafeteria that doubles as a social club.

Plans call for the addition of rooms for hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, working out, gymnastics, and activities such as table tennis and arts and crafts, a larger cafeteria, kindergarten playground, and a multipurpose indoor basketball court. The Israel Lands Authority has placed an additional 2 1/4 acres at Ilan's disposal for the project.

The estimated cost of the expansion is $2.7 million U.S. Half of that amount has been raised thus far in Israel, Perle said.

Despite its modest facilities, the centre has already produced an Olympic champion. Nachman Wolf, earned four of the 41 medals Israel's handicapped athletes won at the Paralympics, the international games for the physically handicapped held in Seoul, South Korea in October.

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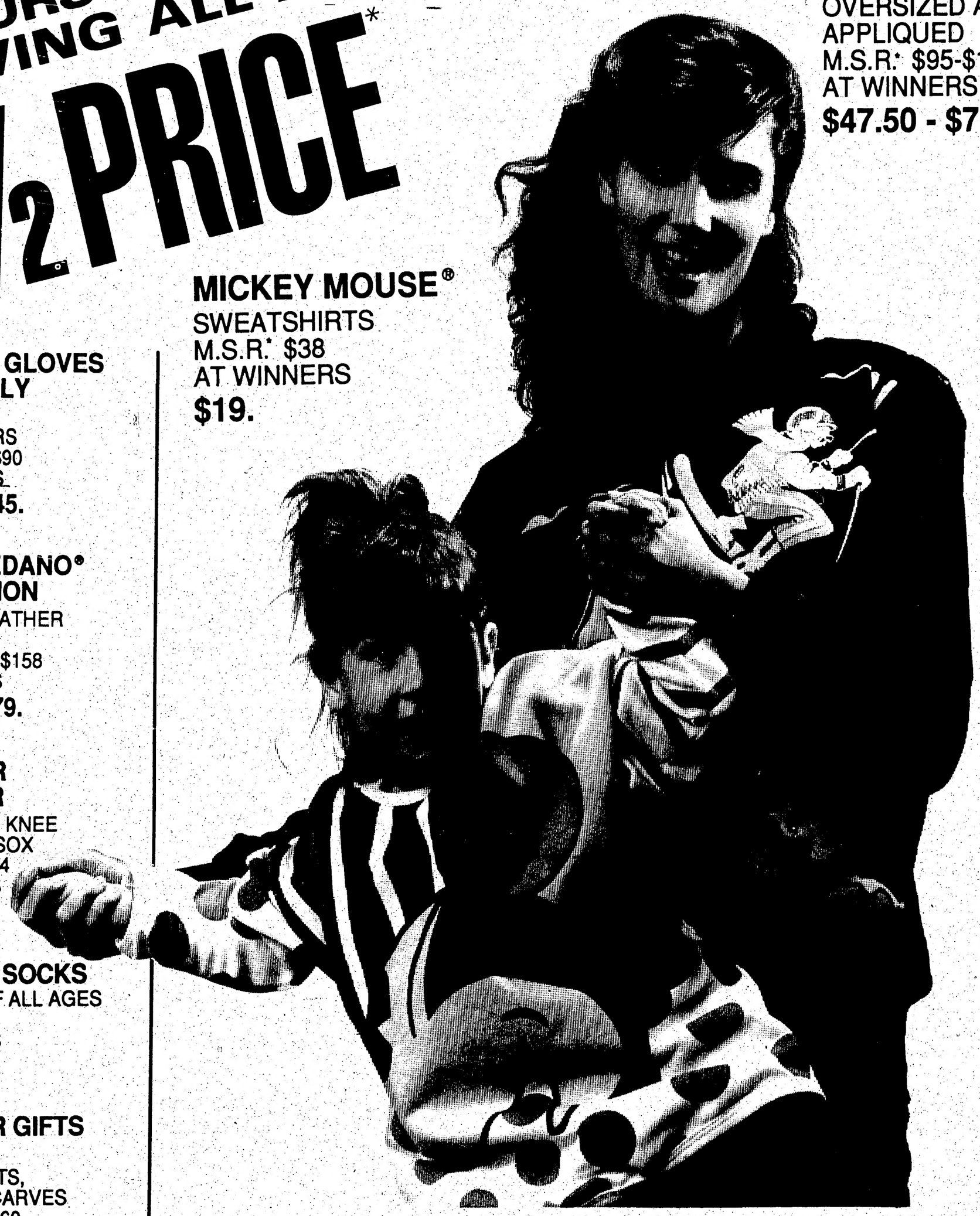

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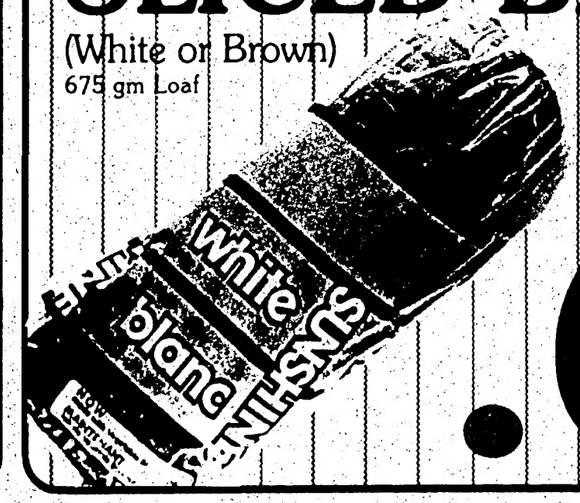

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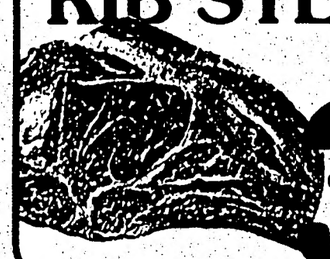

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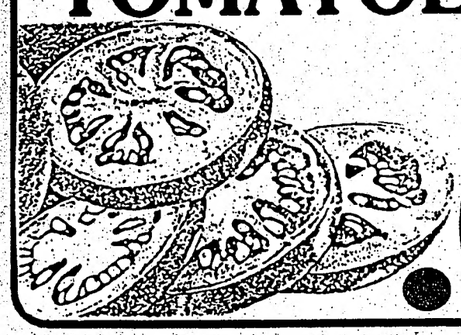

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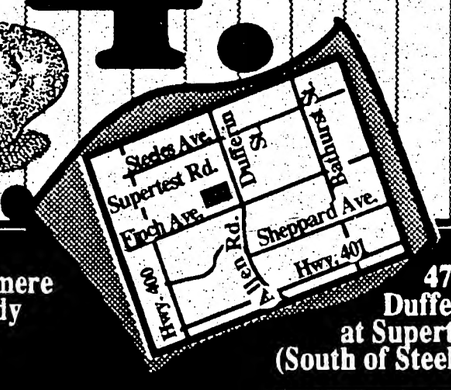

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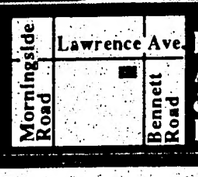

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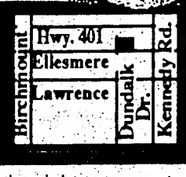

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Organizations and People

Seen at a recent parlor meeting are (from left) Arthur Silber, chairman of the new leadership functions committee, Robert Gottlieb, his wife, Linda, Dr. Morton Shulman and Irwin Michael, an executive member of the New Leadership Division.

More than 75 turn out to hear Shulman at Bonds' meeting

TORONTO —

Physician Morton Shulman was guest speaker at a recent Israel Bonds new leadership meeting.

More than 75 people turned out to hear Shulman speak on How One Man's Illness Lead to Financial Opportunity, says a Bonds news release from Toronto.

The event — at the Don Mills home of Robert Gottlieb and his wife, Linda — was held as part of the New Leadership Division's awareness program to educate people between the ages of 20 and 45 about the importance of Israel and need for Bonds.

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Community leader Martin Stein, of Milwaukee, will become Israel Bonds' new national chairman of the Israel President's Club in the U.S., announced national Bond chairman Sy Syms.

The President's Club is an honor society made up of foremost supporters of Israel's economic development. Each member purchases in excess of $100,000 (U.S.) in Bonds annually, says a Bonds news release from New York.

Stein is chairman of the board of Stein Health Services of Wisconsin and last year's national chairman of United Jewish Appeal.

Chabad Centre in Calgary

TORONTO —

The latest addition to the network of Lubavitch Centres across Canada has been opened in Calgary under the leadership of Rabbi Menachem Matusof.

The immediate objective will be to reach out to Jews not affiliated with organized Jewish life, which represents 60% of the Jewish community, the Lubavitch organization said. They will be introduced to Jewish life with pertinent literature, home visits and will be encouraged to participate in the various "mitzvah campaigns," it added.

The new outreach post is a direct result of Lubavitch leader Rabbi Menachem Schneerson's wish for the establishment of new branches in locations where the movement can be of help to enhance the quality of Jewish life, the organization said.

Matusof formerly resided in Palm Springs, Calif., where he served as educational director of the local Lubavitch school. Although the office will be situated in Calgary which has 6,000 Jews, equal effort will be dedicated to Edmonton, with an identical Jewish population.

"Notwithstanding the exhausting task in store for Rabbi Matusof, we are most confident our hand picked emissary will succeed. He comes from a family dedicated to furthering the Rebbe's work in one of the most remote corners of the world under the most horrendous conditions," said Rabbi Grossbaum, director of Lubavitch of Southern Ontario.

"In fact, his father, Rabbi Shlomo Matusof was amongst the first emissaries of the Lubavitch Rebbe in 1950 to serve the Jewish communities of Morocco where his family still lives."

Matusof is married to the former Rochel Zaltzman and they have two children.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF
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FOR DECEMBER, 1988
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Dec. 1	University of Toronto presents The Joseph & Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lectures. Prof. Robert Chazan. Seminar: "The Talmud and the 13th Century Christian Missionizing Among the Jews," 3-4 p.m., Choir Room, basement of Massey College, 4 Devonshire Place; "European Jewry and the First Crusade," 8 p.m., Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College, Circle Room 3171.
Dec. 5	Canadian Jewish Congress, Toronto Jewish Congress, address to the community. "The Current State of World Jewry," Edgar M. Bronfman, president, World Jewish Congress. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Toronto Jewish Congress, T'nach Study Group, Book of Judges, Chapter V. Lecturer, Jack Burke. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
Dec. 7	Beth Avraham Yoseph Sisterhood, Chanukah Book Fair, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill, 8 p.m. For information, 731-4004.
Dec. 8	Research Centre of Kabbalah. 12-week course begins. 788 Marlee, Room 315. For information 322-0975. Fee.
Dec. 11	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. The Holocaust: A Rabbi's Testimony: Religious Responses to the Holocaust. Rabbi Philip Scheim. 8 p.m., 55 Yeomans Rd.
Dec. 12	Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, lecture with Dr. Stephen Speisman, director of archives, Toronto Jewish Congress, "History of Judaism in Toronto," 8 p.m. For information 886-3810.
Dec. 13	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. All-day institute. 55 Yeomans Rd. For information 222-9544.

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Sun. 11, 8:30 p.m. - Sing Along - with GIDI KOREN
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Scholarships offered for Soviet Jewish emigres

NEW YORK — To help train Soviet Jewish emigres for careers serving Russian-speaking communities in Israel, the United States and around the world, scholarships of up to $5,000 per year are now available for students pursuing careers as rabbis, educators, social and communal workers and religious functionaries, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture says.

The announcement was made by Lord Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, who is president of the Foundation, and Philip Klutznick of Chicago, chairman of the executive committee.

"There are an estimated 500,000 Soviet Jews — including children born to them since leaving the USSR — living in Israel, the United States and other countries," Lord Jakobovits said in explaining the purpose of the scholarship program.

He added: "They need rabbis, educators, cantors, social workers, comunity workers, shochtim, mohalim. Our goal is to encourage more men and women from their own ranks to enter careers serving the community of which they are a part."

The Foundation is especially interested in Russian-speaking students training for careers as Jewish educators, said Jerry Hochbaum, the Foundation's executive vice-president.

"There is a major need for educational materials to serve the Soviet Jewish emigre community now in Israel and other countries, Hochbaum said. "The Foundation is eager to provide both scholarship grants that will encourage students to enter the field and publishing grants for fresh educational materials such as children's books, study guides, curricula, audiotapes and videotapes.

"Most of the Jews who have left the Soviet Union knew little about their Jewish heritage. Now that they have reached freedom in the West, we want to take advantage of the opportunity they have to practise Judaism and become part of the Jewish community."

But to do so they must have men and women trained in Jewish communal service and educational materials of all kinds so that they will know and understand Jewish life and Jewish tradition, the Foundation official added.

"That is why the Memorial Foundation is offering scholarship grants and, where appropriate, publishing grants," Hochbaum said. "One requirement is that scholarship students commit themselves to serve any community of Soviet Jews within Israel or anywhere else in the Diaspora for a minimum of three years."

The deadline for applications is Jan. 31. Applicants should write to the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture at 15 E. 26th St., New York, NY 10010.

Ground-breaking at Toronto House

BEERSHEBA — A festive groundbreaking ceremony was held recently for Toronto House at the Beersheba Soldiers House attended by a delegation of Toronto and Israeli dignitaries.

With the flags of Canada and Israel serving as the backdrop, the 60-piece Youth Orchestra of Beersheba and an entertainment trio from the Israel Defence Forces Southern Command performed at the ceremony to inaugurate the largest project yet undertaken by any of the international branches of the association.

Representing the Toronto Branch of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel at the ceremony were Irving and Esther Matlow, Jack Muskat, Max Moneta, Irving Buchbinder, Eddie Fisch and Gordon Levy. Israelis present were Association president Joseph Nevo, Beersheba Mayor Moshe Zilberman and General Yitzhak Mordechai, head of Southern Command.

Hen elected trustee

TORONTO — Last week's municipal election round-up included most of the Jewish winners around the Metro Toronto area.

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Organizations and People

Writer's faith in humanity restored

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

When writer Andre Stein began work on his latest book, Quiet Heroes (University of Toronto Press) he was relieved of a burden he had carried around for 40 years.

As he researched the book, a collection of stories of seven Dutch Christian families who rescued hundreds of Jews during the war, the cloak of cynicism about humanity he had worn since 1944 disappeared.

Speaking recently at the Pride of Israel Synagogue as part of Holocaust Education Week, Stein, a University of Toronto professor in the human communications program, said that "these people's stories helped me see man again. The cynical 8-year-old was lifted right out of me."

He added that these seven Dutch families, all now living in Ontario, helped heal his tremendous bitterness about war. "There is nothing sadder than a cynical, bitter child. These quiet heroes have healed me."

Stein said that he related hundreds of stories in the book because "we are people of the book and we turn to stories for spiritual fuel. Today, as much as ever, we must dwell on stories of optimism."

Stein, who lost his mother and much of his extended family during the war said that in the book he tries to come to terms with why the quiet heroes did what they did. "These people saved and resaved hundreds and hundreds of Jews. Many were betrayed many times but they never stopped."

He tells about a baker and his wife who hid a Jewish woman and her two children in their home even though the Germans had a canteen in the house. "They survived, but not without a lot of risks."

When asked years later, why he had done this the baker said honestly "we don't understand why the Jews make a big deal out of what we did. We did what we had to do."

Stein said that the quiet heroes considered their behavior as normal, not at all heroic. "A common theme among these families is that all life is sacred. All life deserves to be lived to its natural term. Their commitment to the sanctity of life is strong."

In analyzing how these people differed from the majority of people during the war he realized that "they have a tremendous respect for human lives and have a great tolerance for fear. They knew their risks were as great as if they were Jewish."

He said that one man told him, "We had no choice so we lived with the risk."

Stein said that one of the unifying themes throughout the book is that every life is worth living and must be savored until its natural conclusion. "After the war they even advocated clemency for the worst war criminal because an eye for an eye version of justice is not acceptable to them."

Stein said that when we think of heroes we often think of men but in these stories women were very much the heroes as well. "Many of the housing conflicts fell on the backs of the women and they were often alone with the fugitives. No matter how many raids they were faced with they never buckled."

He said that the quiet heroes were caught between their own needs and the needs of the hopeless. They used their bare hands and naked love to fight the enemy.

Stein stressed that because of these heroes, "I can now see man in a pale, gentle light of hope. I am recovering in the healing light of faith and God."

He added that he can now "rest assured I will never be alone in the night. These quiet heroes are with me."

Histadrut can be model for cooperation: Druze

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The success of Histadrut, Israel's big labor federation, in promoting cooperation and friendship between Jews and Arabs can serve as a model for the Middle East, according to the director of the Arab and Druze department of Histadrut's trade union division.

Yusef Kara, who is a Druze born in Palestine in 1939, said the Histadrut has greatly improved the standard of living of the Arab and Druze communities in Israel, and Arabs and Druzes enjoy equality within the ranks of the Histadrut.

He mentioned that it was Histadrut which first opposed Meir Kahane and his Kach Party's entry into politics, by barring them from the Histadrut elections.

Kara, who is a member of the Labor Party's central committee, was the guest speaker at a tribute dinner for labor leader Maurice Silcoff, tendered by the Canadian Friends of Amal.

Kara said the Histadrut has established agricultural cooperatives, health clinics, schools and community and cultural centres in the Arab villages.

"Despite all the problems, we have a true democracy that is enjoyed by all citizens as long as they are not against the security of Israel," Kara said. He added that the Druze feel they are an integral part of the country, and can be "a bridge to peace" in the Middle East.

Although Amal has made strides in providing vocational and technical education to the Druze in recent years, the educational opportunities for Druze children are inadequate at present and few go onto higher education, he said.

The object of the dinner was to raise funds for the Maurice Silcoff Science and Technology Centre at a comprehensive school which caters to the many Druze villages throughout the Galilee, including Kara's native village Daliat el-Carmel. The school, near the town of Ma'alot, is in an industrial region and graduates will have ample opportunity to find employment. The school has about 700 students.

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Meanderings

By JERRY BORINS

Sir James Barrie said, "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." My dear **Hilliard**! How can I ever thank you for introducing me to the **Variety Club of Ontario - Tent 28** - nearly 20 years ago. It started so many good things in my life ... and you really brought me up. Your sweet ways with all my children and your support through these last 30 years have worked magic. I just spoke to you after your wonderful trip to Israel. Your words inspired me to write this column. Thank you **Hilliard Conway**!! ... You are my sunshine!! Three hours later I was at the **Variety Club** meeting room to see one of our celebrity swimmers being inducted ... and to be with some other nice people like **Elliot Mintz** and **Gordon James** (recently involved in the Calgary Olympics for **CTV** and always caring as part of the amazing **Children's Wish Foundation of Ontario**)!! The Children's Wish Foundation is a federally chartered non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to realize the fondest wish of terminally ill children. **Eric Klein**'s induction was special. His lovely parents came in from Montreal and his cousin **Rich Yampolsky (Foodshare-Metro Toronto)** attended. Eric is looking forward to his third year in our **Variety Village Great Lake Swim**! ... and **Sam Kolber** started it all by asking Eric to join. (**Sam** is the **ace** photographer who donates his time and great photos to Variety's history!) ... It was nice seeing **Jack Sturman, Moe Himelfarb, Elliot Mintz, Stephen Shawn, Syd Chertkoff, H. Wayne Tanenbaum, Shelly Esbin** and **Norm Griesdorf** (our esteemed chief barker) at Variety's annual Gourmet Dinner. By the way, **Variety Club of Ontario - Tent 28**'s principal project for over 30 years has been the **Variety Village**. The centre assists disabled youth by providing the means to emphasize their abilities not their disabilities. The new aquatic wing opens this winter. It will be the finest teaching and training facility for disabled youth in the world. I'm thrilled to tell you that we are planning another **Great Lake Swim for 1989**. My fellow swim captains are **Paul Slavens** and **Rob Chenaux**. We are well on our way to our goal of 100 celebrity swimmers ... thanks to some of my faithful readers who called or wrote offering their assistance ... My CJN column is **my** contribution to letting you know what is happening with your friends in our community!! Harriet & I and about 640 other celebrants, thoroughly enjoyed the **Interfaith Dinner** in honour of **Marilyn & Mel Lastman**. In support of **Israel Bonds**, it was held recently at the Inn on the Park. The unique invitation was delivered by the vivacious **Esther Berkel**! As always, **Mel & Marilyn** expressed themselves beautifully on behalf of the State of Israel. **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** sang the national anthems beautifully ... and we saw many Bond supporters like **Harvey & Rose Solursh, Rabbi & Mrs. David Monson, Patti & Jerry Starr, Allan Silber, Alex Grossman, Max Zuchter** and **George & Susan Cohon**. We enjoyed dining with **Emily & Jack Israeli** (bringing us up-to-date on their family & **JDS & Canada's Wonderland**), the **John Downings and the Murray Chusids** ... Next: **Thelma Davidson's surprise sweet 16**!! ... Terrific seeing **Jules Kronis** everywhere ... what an amazingly energetic chap!!! I also recently saw **John Zeiler**'s sister **Cheryl, Pearl & Lou** and **Howard Goodman, Harold & Carole Wolfe, Jerry Trefler, Howard & Marsha Cohen, Larry & Cheryl Sonenberg** and **Herman & Carole Gottesman** celebrating **Sharon Zeiler**'s graduation!! 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While roaming the halls, I tapped **Dr. Morton Brown** on the shoulder. Well I was wrong ... but **this** doctor thanked me, saying he took it as a great compliment because Morty is such a great dresser!! ... A special thanks to **Hilda Wilson** for her very kind letter. Hilda is a new member of **Variety Club** and has come up with a terrific fund-raising idea concerning slightly-chubby me and **Weight Watchers** ... and it was also great to hear from an old friend - **Craig Roberts**, a loyal reader. **Hilda** and **Craig** are talented communicators!! ... and for their wonderful understanding and patience in dealing with the special dental needs of young children, a hearty yasher koach to **Dr. Stan Cash** and **Dr. Samuel Strauss**. I commend my fellow shule member, **Danny Rosenzweig** on his dedication to the State of Israel. He is going to Israel again as part of **B'nai Brith's "Operation Solidarity"**. Danny and his wife **Marilyn** are working actively to promote the economic well-being of Israel. He will return to Toronto and help promote Israel as a current destination for tourists! Good luck, Danny! Some other Adath Israel members who are making their wonderful presence felt in our Jewish community are: **Larry Marshall C.A.** and **Dr. Howard Switzman** - Toronto Jewish Assistance Services; and Sam Cohen - J.N.F. **Adath Israel** does a stellar job in promoting and encouraging the religious life of the Jewish Community and perpetuating and promoting Judaism and the Jewish way of life. A lot of its members can be found involved in all facets of our community! In honour of my favourite synagogue, I am offering the use of **20** pair of my **Blue Jay** seats at the **SkyDome** for 1989. The following plates were spotted on the spacious parking lot at **Adath Israel**. Mail in the name of the plate owner/driver ... one pair awarded per plate ... decision of the judge (me) is final. The winners' names will appear in a future column. **SHC 120, JS 65, 1 AEK 1, BJA INS, MDD LAW, JG POET, IM AREK, THE 5RS, W SHEAF, JER 007, SABA 1, 007 BJC, JTN 732, DOVID, ITS HOW, LHP3, WON 374, ZAYDIE, SAM 21, YCH 024**. Send to: **667 King St. West, Toronto, M5V 1M9** and write **"PLATE CONTEST"** on the front of the envelope. And I am pleased to begin the celebration of my 50th birthday in June 1989 (Thelma Davidson - are you reading this?) by providing **50** members of Adath Israel's Club L'Chayim Blue Jay tickets for a game in the summer of 1989. Of course, in exchange I expect to be admitted to their club when I reach the ripe old age of 55. Keep up your good work "old" friends!!

***Jerry Borins** is president of Gerald Borins Enterprises Ltd! He is amazed at the enthusiastic response to his column and especially appreciates the letters he receives from old and new friends. Jerry is gratified at your invitations to speak to charitable organizations about fund-raising. Contact his lovely assistant Risa to assist you. Keep those cards and letters coming!*

Advt.

Activist approach urged in fighting anti-semitism

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
It's time for a change in tactics in dealing with modern manifestations of anti-semitism parading as anti-Zionism, a lecture at the Jewish Book Fair was told recently.

In the past, Jews have attempted a variety of unsuccessful tactics including attempts to deflect antisemites' venom through converting, being "invisible" or adopting the majority's culture have failed, said Prof. Henry Weinberg, author of the Myth of the Jew in France, 1967-82.

Today, a more activist approach and the shedding of the "sha, shtill" (be quiet) method is required, he said.

"By rejecting the hesitations of the past, through strong support for Israel and by refusing to be scorned and intimidated, the Jewish people will be able to face the threats that face it today," he said.

Anti-semitism today hides under the guise of anti-Zionism, but in many respects, the same "traditional Jew-hatred" perpetuated through stereotypes is circulating, he said. And they predate both the 1982 War in Lebanon (which some claim unleashed antisemitic prejudice) and former Prime Minster Menachem Begin's alleged "corruption" of the Israel ethos, he added.

Oct. 1, 1975 is a red-letter day in the annals of modern anti-semitism, he said. That was not the day the United Nations voted to equate Zionism with racism, but was rather when former Ugandan strongman Idi Amin, notorious for his depravities, including cannibalism, called for the expulsion of Israel from the world body as well as its extinction, to the tumultuous applause of Marxist, Arab and Third World nations.

Anti-Zionism has become part of the political culture of leftist groups, Third World liberation movements — even environmentalist groups, he said.

Speaking on the general topic of anti-semitism, anti-Zionism and the question of dual loyalties, Weinberg said many, though not all condemnations of Israel are motivated by latent anti-semitism. The "evil" once associated with Jews is now attributed to Israel and as in the case of Jews, Israel faces moves to isolate, delegitimize and ultimately extinguish it.

Anti-Zionism is indistinguishable from anti-semitism when Jews are classified as "good or bad" based on their allegiances to Israel; when Jews are attacked in synagogues or in kosher eateries by terrorists; when double standards are applied to Israel that are not applied to other sovereign states.

Pointing to the recent case in Algeria where government forces machine-gunned 500 people in several days of bread riots, Weinberg noted that Canada did not raise a protest. The deaths of 300 Palestinians in 11 months of rioting created more outrage, he noted.

The Globe and Mail's editorial on the Algerian situation was concerned with repercussions on the country's economic development and merely termed the loss of life "deplorable and tragic." Not quite the same treatment Israel underwent, he pointed out, where "every Palestinian casualty was counted."

The silence of the world was deafening when Iraq killed 5,000 of its own Kurdish citizens in a mustard gas attack, while Israel is criticized for using tear gas on Palestinians, he said.

The expectation from Israel of a more moral behavior than is expected of other states is anti-semitic since it demands more of Jews than of others and it avoids recognizing the country's right to defend itself or even to make mistakes, he said.

Weinberg, whose recent book examined the Jews' experience in France, noted that former French President Charles De Gaulle used the 1967 Six Day War as a pretext to realign France with Arab states for strategic purposes.

In the process of disengaging France from Israel (until then it had been the main supplier for the Israeli air force), he employed anti-semitic stereotypes in describing Jews, calling them "arrogant and domineering."

The French leader also suggested Jews had through history provoked attacks on themselves and were now "opportunistic, lacked humility" and wielded too much influence.

That opened a new era in the history of modern anti-semitism, Weinberg noted.

The media in France attacked Jews who protested De Gaulle's foreign policy, charging them with dual loyalty. That scenario replayed itself in Canada last March when Jews, protesting External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's criticism of Israel, were accused of dual loyalty by the Toronto Star, Weinberg said.

Canadian Jews must not act like German Jews once did, who believed that things that were morally impermissable couldn't exist.

Today's Jewish leaders seem to be "getting tired. It's unfortunate, but it's a fact," he said, repeating that an activist approach by community leaders is required to respond to manifestations of anti-semitism.

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Concert in Hamilton celebrates Israel's 40th

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON -
Hamilton's Jewish community turned out in force recently for a concert in celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary.

One thousand people attended the concert in the Great Hall of Hamilton Place, which featured actor and singer Theodore Bikel, cellist Denis Brott and members of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra under Boris Brott.

The concert was organized by the Hamilton-Wentworth & Area Jewish community Centre and profits will go towards the JCC building fund.

The program featured traditional Jewish music and songs by Bikel ranging from such favorites as Az de Rebbe Singt, Jerusalem of Gold and If I Were A Rich Man to numbers by Jacques Brel and Sting.

Highlights were Denis Brott's sensitive rendering of Max Bruch's Kol Nidre and a piece for harmonica written by Bikel in Israel during the Yom Kippur War and played by him with cello accompaniment by Brott.

Canadian and Israeli flags as well as a large Magen David adorned the stage and the concert concluded with the singing of Hatikvah and the release of blue and white balloons.

Following the concert, patrons gathered backstage for a reception complete with blue and white iced birthday cake.

In a brief address Israeli Consul-General Benyamin Abileah observed that it is many years since Israel has celebrated its anniversary with military parades. Israel, he said, is a country which far prefers to express itself with beautiful music.

JCC president Michael Kemeny noted that the concert coincided with the first anniversary of the purchase of the new centre. Appealing for support from everyone, he described the JCC as "the most important institution in the community.

Israeli Consul Oren David also attended and other guests of honor included Ontario Minister of Multiculturalism Lily Munro, and Hamilton-Wentworth MP Geoff Scott.

The concert was produced by Ardyth Brott, Festival of Music; chairperson was Molly Beube and others involved in organizing it included Madeleine Levy, Nancy Katz and Shelley Waxman and JCC staffer Claire Waxman.

Video on deaf Jewish teen acclaimed

By
DORIS STRUB
EPSTEIN

TORONTO —
Someone Is Listening, a 30-minute VHS cassette, is the moving story of a teenager who loses his hearing as the result of a basketball accident.

In the hospital, he meets a rabbi who can communicate with him through sign language. Ultimately he works with the boy and prepares him for his bar mitzvah.

The boy had never had a Jewish education. "We didn't think he could handle it," the surprised and proud father says to the rabbi. Which is to say, until he came along, there was no one who had the techniques and abilities to teach his son.

Rabbi David Grossman, the only signing rabbi in Philadelphia, is the rabbi in the film. The teenager, Colby Tecklin from Philadelphia, is actually deaf, and his family in the film is his real family.

Someone is Listening is thought to be a breakthrough in North America with its concept of Jewish signs for religious instruction.

It was highly acclaimed at an international premiere in Annaheim, Calif., during a convention for the Jewish Deaf, in May.

The Canadian premiere, held recently at the Beth Emeth Synagogue, was well attended by the hard of hearing, experts and leaders in the field, as well as the general public.

In his introduction, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, spiritual leader of Beth Emeth, explained that the impetus which resulted in the film began eight years ago. The late Ruth Martin, a member of his congregation, approached him to "do something for the Jewish deaf in Toronto."

He organized an Oneg Shabbat. This brought the Jewish hearing impaired together in a Jewish atmosphere for the first time in many years.

Written by John Birchwood of Toronto, the film was funded by members of Beth Emeth and the Ruth Martin Memorial Fund. The cantor in the film is played by Ruth's son Mitchell.

Someone is Listening is sponsored by the special education committee of United Synagogue of America, which Kelman has chaired for 20 years.

Thanks to the generosity of Sydney Greenberg of Pathe Video, cassettes have been made available for educational institutions at no cost. (Call Beth Emeth for details.)

Kelman's credo is that every segment of the Jewish community is entitled to a place within the community.

He founded Kadima, which has recreational programs for the handicapped; Ezra, an afternoon Hebrew school for children with learning disabilities; and the Reena Foundation, well known for its services for mentally handicapped young people. He also helped found She'arim, a Hebrew day school, for children with learning disabilities.

Kelman has led trips to Israel for the handicapped four times. "They were great," he says, grinning broadly.

And now he wants to provide a place for the Jewish deaf.

A Chanukah party will be held at the Beth Emeth, 100 Elder, on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. The hard of hearing and those who would like to help establish a forum where the Jewish deaf can meet are invited.

For information call Beth Emeth, 633-3838.

Disabled awareness promoted

MONTREAL —
Six almost life-size puppets will be visiting elementary schools this winter to show children that the disabled may appear different, but are people like any other.

The educational program, to be run by the Davis YM-YWHA Special Needs Department, is called Kids on the Block. Volunteers will bring the six puppets, which dress and act like children, into the schools this January.

Among the six puppets are four that have some type of mental or physical handicap and two that are "normal."

"Each one has definite likes and dislikes, hopes and fears, talents and limitations," says the Y's Ellen Lerner of the puppets.

The program is designed not only to increase awareness and understanding of the handicapped, but also to help children accept differences in others and themselves.

"People haven't been made comfortable with differences. As a result, our fears cut us off from a very important segment of society," said Kids on the Block creator Barbara Aiello.

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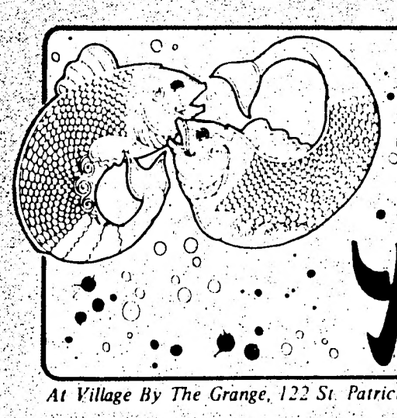

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Organizations and People

Wants Jewish sports hall of fame

Journalist fights for dream

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Monty Charness is a man with a mission.

A lover of sports, Charness can sit down and talk batting averages, championship seasons and great athletic accomplishments at a major league level.

He can even tell you which of the great athletes was of the Hebraic persuasion. But one thing troubles him. For all the great achievements of top Canadian Jewish athletes like Charlie Krupp, Sammy Luftspring, Barney Krivel, Cecil Hart and others, there is no building — or even part of a building — that commemorates and displays the memorabilia of those performances.

That's where his mission comes in.

Charness, a journalist who runs a small news agency, has begun a lonely, 1-man crusade to create a Jewish sports hall of fame in Canada.

A Hall of Fame will give young Jews, athletes and non-athletes alike, a place to come and see chronicles and memorabilia of great performances by role models in whom they can take pride, Charness says.

There already are such edifices in existence in Israel and California, he notes, so why not one in Toronto?

After all, it's not because there aren't enough Jewish athletes who have excelled at their sports.

Just take a look at a brief list off the top of Charness' head:

• Joey Richman of Montreal: played with the Alouettes, when there were Alouettes, back in the 1940s; a former track star and a Master's level tennis player.

• Moe Herscovitch: "the toughest Jew who ever lived," says Charness. Played football with the Winged Wheelers, the forerunners of the Als. A war hero, Herscovitch fought Mickey Walker, the Toy Bulldog, for 10 rounds, before finally losing.

• Fanny Rosenfeld: Canada's female athlete of the half-century.

• Charlie Krupp: a great baseball pitcher in Winnipeg.

• **George Druxman: centre with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in their glory days of the late 1950s, early 60s.**

• Gerry Sternberg: Canadian Football League player in the 1970s. Played with the Eskimos, the Als and the Argos.

• Sammy Luftspring: world champion boxer in the 30s.

• Hy Buller: NHL star of the 50s.

• Barney Krivel: great curler out of Saskatchewan.

• Terry Bronstein: Manitoban, won the Briar in the mid 60s.

• Leible Hershfield: Winnipegger who chronicles the exploits of Jewish athletes of the past.

• Cecil Hart: coached Montreal in the NHL in the 1920s; Hart Trophy is named after him.

Jewish athletes don't seem to get the kind of recognition from the community they deserve, he said. There are literally hundreds who could be inducted into a hall of fame, but all that is needed is an edifice.

Charness' suggestion: the Y cum Jewish Community Centre would be an ideal spot for a hall of fame. Harold Cipin, branch director of the north Y agrees.

He's heard suggestions along those lines, he likes the idea, there's been some talk about it, but no formal requests, motions or resolutions have as yet been put before the centre's board of directors.

If the Y is as enthusiastic as Charness and as supportive as Cipin, a Jewish sports hall of fame may be an idea whose time has come.

For more information, contact Charness at (416) 636-6060 or write to him at 4415 Bathurst St., Apt. 1102, Downsview, Ont., M3H 3S3.

Team heads to Moscow

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

What is probably the biggest breakthrough in Soviet-Israeli relations in more than 20 years will occur in the sports arena.

On Jan. 12, Maccabi Tel Aviv, Israel's champion basketball team, will be in Moscow to play the CSKA, the championship Red Army sports club.

Alexander Portnov, the senior Soviet official in charge of overseas tournaments, has informed the European basketball authorities meeting in Munich that his government no longer objects to Israelis and Soviets playing against each other, in either country.

The Israelis hope the new attitude will be extended to the more popular game, soccer.

Since the Soviets broke diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967, their respective teams met, but always in neutral countries.

The Soviet basketball team will go to Tel Aviv for a March 9 rematch against Maccabi Tel Aviv in the Yad Eliahu stadium.

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These smiling faces belong to some of the committee members of the Chmielniker Sisterhood, which is planning a project in Kfar Gvirol. Seated are Mania Micner, Fay Goldlist and Sally Lukawitz. Behind them are Toby Kraftchuk, Fanny Steinberg and Blanche Wolbrom.

It's hard to believe, but fast approaching is the celebration of the successful conclusion of the 40th Anniversary campaign.

You probably have your invitation by now, but as a reminder, the date is Monday, December 12, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Please call Judith at 635-2883, ext. 174, to reserve.

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The women pictured above, all members of a committee of the Chmielniker Sisterhood of Toronto, have taken on a project which will be a major one for their sisterhood.

They plan to raise $15,000 to help furnish **one room** in the newly-constructed Day Care Centre in Kfar Gvirol, Toronto UJA's twinned Project Renewal community situated on the outskirts of Rehovot.

That's quite an undertaking for a membership which numbers only 35.

Fay Goldlist is the president and a primary catalyst behind the sisterhood's decision to assume this repsonsibility. Last August, while Fay and her husband **Eric** were visiting Israel, they went to Beit Dagan to see what the Chmielniker Society (both men and women) had made possible through their funding of a similar venture several years ago. They had raised money toward the purchase of a room in the Beit Dagan Day Care Centre.

So taken by what she saw in the way of direct benefits to the children of Beit Dagan, Fay Goldlist returned to Toronto with an idea firmly planted in her mind. Why not provide the funds for the furnishing of a room in the new facility at Kfar Gvirol?

The proposal was readily accepted and adopted by her fellow members in the sisterhood. The money will be raised in many ways over a period of time — through an annual fund-raising tea, donations made to honor individuals and commemorate family simchas throughout the year.

A wonderful and generous undertaking on the part of all the members of the Chmielniker Sisterhood.

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There's been a population explosion throughout UJA headquarters at 4600 Bathurst Street.

Lydia & Chuck English started it all with the birth of their third child — a daughter — a few weeks ago. Lydia was secretary to fund-raising professional **Julea Gasner**, who just this past week gave birth to a baby girl — the first child for Julea and husband **Rob**.

Wait, there's more! Also brand-new parents of a daughter are **Marilyn & David Gotfried**, which makes grandparents once more of **Carol & Lionel Schipper**. David is also a member of the professional fund-raising staff, having several business divisions under his supervision.

And waiting in the wings are **Carol & Stephen Handelman** who are expecting their first-born at any time. Stephen, son of **Anne & Max**, is co-chairman of the Furniture Division. Carol was a secretary in Women's Campaign before departing to await impending motherhood.

Whew! and Mazel Tov to all!

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Coming right up is the campaign-wide **UJA Chanukah Cleanup**, which gets under way on Monday, Dec. 5 from 6:15-8:30 p.m. in ther Conference Centre of the Lipa Green Building.

The telethons continue through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Dec. 6, 7, 8), and wind up on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Same location.

But, as **Judy Gwartz** who chairs the event with **Paul Rothstein** told a breakfast meeting of the campaign leadership, it will be fun-filled days of special Chanukah treats — food, presents and who knows what else.

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Meanwhile, "telethon" has been the operative word for weeks in division after division — Physicians, Dentists, Real Estate, etc. etc.

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Drs. David Burstein, Sheldon Cooper and **Howard Tile** joined dental colleagues **Hersh Glickman, Gord Perlmutter, Les Train** and **Alan Winnick**.

And seen at the second Physicians telephone outing were **Drs. Susan Goldstein, Mark Greenwald, Ron Laxer, Harvey Shaul** and **Ivan Silver**.

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See you next time.

New-wave coats are light, warm and washable

By
VIVIEN SHARON

Once you wear a Luhta winter coat from Finland you may never wear anything else, says Philip Black, Ontario sales representative of the Luhta outerwear and skiwear line.

He is so keen, in fact, that he made sure that his entire family wears nothing else. His grandmother swears by it. So, too, does his wife, a lawyer, who eshews her fur coat for the Luhta. Black, himself, put his wool coat away for good.

What is it about the Luhta that is so addictive?

There are three reasons, said Black, in a recent interview in his downtown office.

"First, it is the lightest winter coat you will ever wear. Second, it is the warmest, and third, it is machine washable. You can wear a Luhta to the office, skiing or for casual weekend wear." He adds that hockey moms and dads (some of his best customers) choose the coat for its warmth — they don't want to freeze at the arena.

Luhta skiwear and outerwear, made in Finland, is the 4th largest clothing manufacturer in the world, reaching $820 million in sales annually.

The garments are designed and manufactured in the town of Lahti, approximately a 30-minute drive from Helsinki. The company, which was founded in 1907, employs 5,500 people in its plant and produces 26,000 coats per day.

The Luhta market is most popular in the Scandinavian countries, followed by Germany, France and Italy.

Canada is still a relatively new market, Black says. The product was introduced here three years ago and, to date, makes $20 million in sales annually.

Black, who has been representing the line in Ontario since 1986, will visit the Luhta plant in December.

"It is supposed to be one of the most sophisticated garment-manufacturing facilities in the world. It operates like a self-contained world unto itself.

So far, he says, response to the cotton polyamid Luhta, which is lined in polyfill, has been favorable, although he concedes that pioneering a new product is always difficult.

"People are enthusiastic about the product and the design. It is different from the traditional wool, down-filled, leather or fur coat that Canadians are accustomed to buying."

Available in solids or prints, the ladies' line comes in five lenghts: grazing the ankle, the mid leg, thigh, hip and waist. For men, styles fluctuate between the trench and the bomber, with or without suede trim.

Colors are vibrantly bold and bright. Popular solids include charcoal, fuchsia, hunter green, orange, purple, red and white.

Prices for all styles range from $300 to $600 and can be found in such stores as Alton-Lewis, Bliss, Jeans 'N Things, Fetoun and Over the Rainbow.

The sporty Luhta skiwear line features a wide variety of prints depicting a different country each season. This year, the international theme was Canada as host to the Winter Olympic Games.

A group of Luhta designers resided in Calgary last winter, creating a series of Indian motifs as the governing Canadian symbol. This winter they will be worn on the backs of skiers everywhere.

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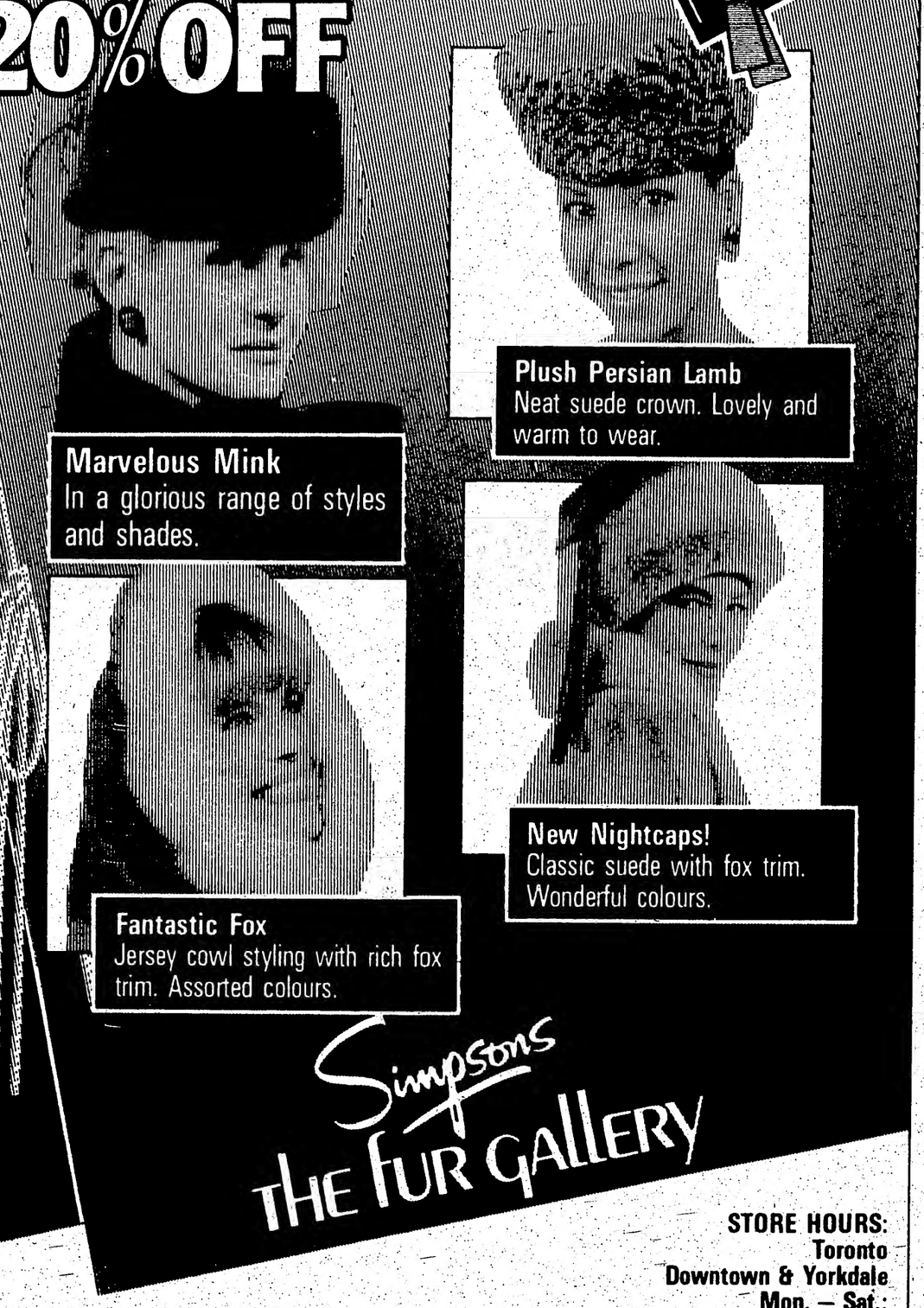

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Cherry's fashion evening benefits Shaare Zedek

Fashion retailer Alan Cherry reconfirmed his support for Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem by producing an elegant fashion extravaganza for the hospital's Surgical Operating Theatre Services Unit.

The black-tie event, held in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Centre Hotel, attracted close to 450 friends, relatives and colleagues of Cherry and his wife, Rosalyn. In addition to the show, the guests were treated to a mini-concert by singing star Eddie Fisher, also a long-time Shaare Zedek supporter.

Benjamin Abileah, consul-general of Israel in Toronto, represented the Shaare Zedek International board of governors in presenting a plaque to Cherry, declaring him the 1988 Jerusalem Founders Award Man of the Year.

In his acceptance speech, Cherry paid tribute to his grandparents, whom he called "humble immigrants" whose life of hard work, dedication and ultimate success mirrors that of Israel. He spoke of the special dedication of the Shaare Zedek doctors and nurses and of the great impression the hospital left on his family when they visited there last fall.

Morris Talansky, executive vice-chairman of the international board of governors, also paid tribute to the Cherrys for their generosity.

"One of the prime tenets of Judaism is to affirm life," he said, adding that despite all of its problems, Israel and, consequently its institutions, "affirm life, making sure that the next generations to come will be strong and that Israel will be strong."

The Shaare Zedek Operating Theatre Services Unit is part of the hospital's department of emergency services, which has played a major role in the health care of the people of Greater Jerusalem since the hospital was established at the turn of the century. During Israel's wars and many terrorist attacks, Shaare Zedek was converted to a military hospital, treating war wounded and attack victims.

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Pegasus expands, produces lines of women's wear

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Pegasus of Canada has taken what it does best and expanded on it, resulting in two new lines of women's wear for this season.

Known for its high-quality, white-on-white cotton shirtings for men and women, the company has introduced the MP Classic collection of packaged shirtings and tailored coordinates for the "Bay Street" woman, and the Melvyn Paul collection of contemporary sportswear coordinates.

"Working women are more confident now, more comfortable about their own accomplishments. They need to look businesslike but still want to look stylish," said Edwina Fok, merchandise manager.

The 2-ply cotton dress shirts — "a basic for a working woman's wardrobe" — are simply cut and finely patterned, with rounded or pointed collars. It takes only a brief look to recognize the quality of fabric, a closer look reveals the fine construction.

With each MP Classic shirt comes a detachable custom-made accessory pin, designed at Pegasus and constructed by homeworkers. Sea creatures and pearl-decorated floral pins are among the accessories.

The Melvyn Paul line is inspired by the designs of Europeans such as Versace, Lacroix, Krizia and Yves St. Laurent — from the styling, trimming and fabrication right down to the button detail.

Because it is made in Canada and doesn't carry the designer name (and corresponding designer markup), the line can be offered at a more reasonable price.

"We wanted to offer the European look, quality and feeling at a price that is not astronomical."

Natural fibres make up all the fabrics in the Melvyn Paul collection, with silk and velvet the main ones.

Trim, whether it is re-embroidered lace, hand-stitched passementaire ribbon or an embroidered waist band, is an important part of the luxurious look.

There are cropped velvet jackets with floral passementaire and matching skirt, embossed velvet jackets teamed with draped pants, Versace-style black velvet bloomers and side-entry pants with embroidered waist band.

A grouping of sumptuous jewel-tone silk blouses is another part of the collection.

While the manufacturing staff at Pegasus is used to high standards of construction, the different and expensive fabrics posed a new challenge, said Andrea Lisus, Pegasus assistance merchandiser.

"The staff got excited about it.

"Many of them are Italian, and closely follow the European designs. They appreciated the hard work when they saw the finished line."

Others appreciated it as well. Pegasus sold to Neiman Marcus, the prestigious American department store, and knew the line would be featured in the company's catalogue: Pegasus officials were stunned when the catalogue arrived and a Melvyn Paul item was on the cover.

"We looked at it and said, 'Good grief, we're on the cover,'" Lisus said.

Both lines are available at Creeds and Holt Renfrew.

The Melvyn Paul collection puts the emphasis on luxury, with sumptuous natural fabrics and elegant colors.

The designs are European-inspired, like this black velvet creation. Jacket tops white-on-white tailored shirt.(Rough Layout photos)

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Store features homegrown designs

Here's where the Canucks hide

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

It is a typically Canadian irony that it took a businesswoman with little experience in the fashion industry to recognize the potential of home-grown designer clothing and capitalize on it.

Jillian Townsend, an MBA with 10 years experience in the corporate world, was excited by the Canadian designs shown at the Festival of Canadian Fashion. But once they went by on the runway, where did they go? Townsend had difficulty finding stores that carried the clothes, and the ones that did offered a small and poor selection.

So she began doing research and making plans to open a store that exclusively carried Canadian designer clothing.

Not surprisingly, in her research Townsend found that most women surveyed couldn't name three Canadian designers. In fact, the majority couldn't name any. She found that most people associated Canuck fashion with the Queen St. styles — what she calls "the waifs and orphans" look.

But Townsend was convinced that the festival had created a demand for local fashion, a demand that wasn't being quenched by retailers who "pushed Canadian designs aside thinking that consumers wanted to buy European."

So she opened a boutique that takes the opposite view: Canadians will be glad to buy homegrown creations when they are presented with the same care and attention afforded foreigners. Education is required to create demand.

The result of her efforts is Canadian Signatures, a Yorkville store that sells "serious clothing for female professionals."

Open for only five months, the store has evoked "an incredibly strong response," Townsend said, from a clientele which often "can't believe they are Canadian clothes. They are stunned by the quality."

While she doesn't have a previous year to judge by, the owner said, "What we had sold out as long as we could fit the customer."

(Townsend has been consistently surprised by the small sizes worn by her customers, whose average age is 40-plus. Shopping must be good exercise.)

The aim of Canadian Signatures, aside from financial success, is to raise the profile and develop the identity of Canadian designers' work. Clothing is grouped solely by designer — there are no color stories here.

"We want people to learn to recognize the clothes by designer like they can with European looks — so they can walk into any store and say, 'That's a Loucas.' "

Townsend says that the typical attitude of the retail industry when buying from local talent is, "We're doing you a favor.

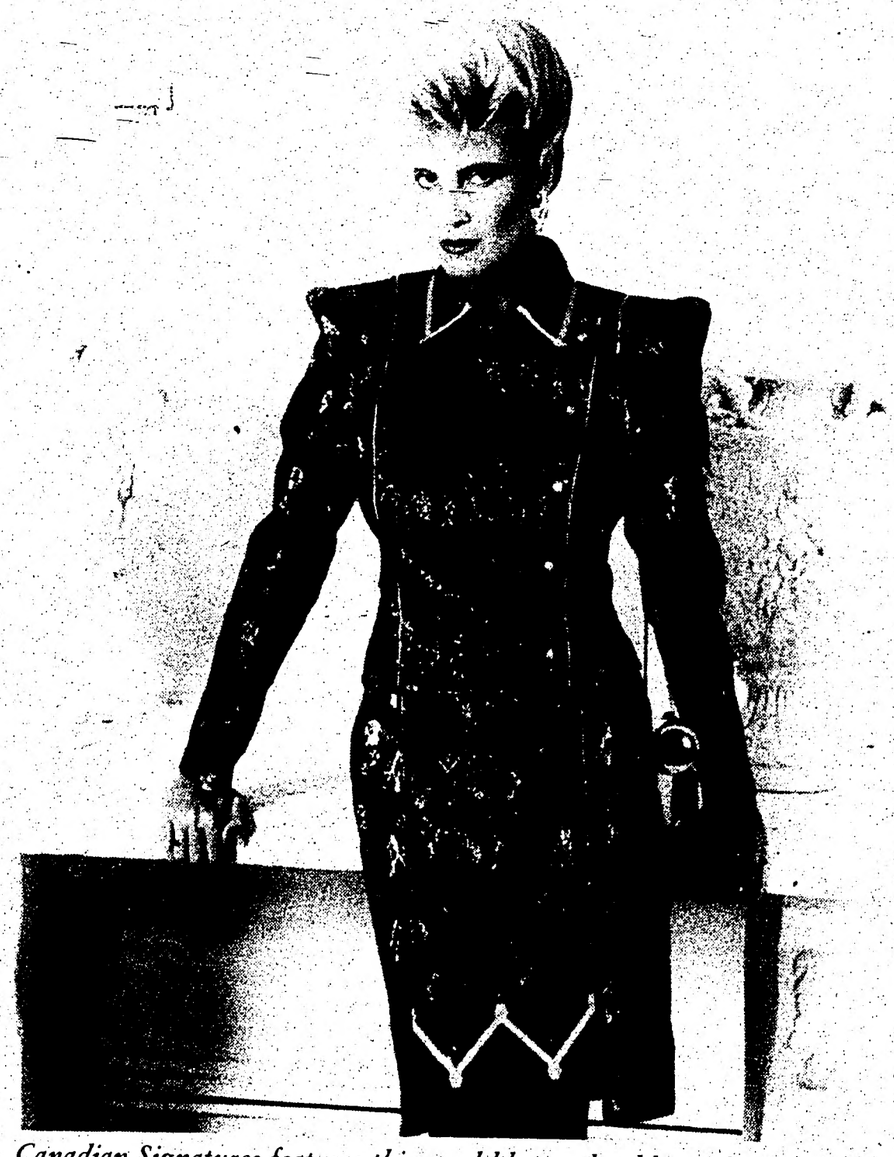
"A Canadian designer's greatest fear is getting into a department store," she said. "There are so many demands and they take so long to pay that it can almost break them. They don't know whether to laugh or cry when they make a sale."

Townsend said the designers the store carries have been very supportive of the concept.

"They've gone out of their way to make it work."

That sentiment goes both ways. When Townsend receives a call from a harassed artiste moaning, "My suppliers are screaming for money. I know the bill isn't due yet, but..." — she does what she can.

"I try to make sure they are there for me next year."



Canadian Signatures features this royal blue and gold novelty print dress, distinctively Stephan Caras. The fabric is 95% acetate, 5% metallic.

With almost all of the lines Signatures features being Toronto-based, the store can offer some unique services.

A customer recently bought a Peter Lam jacket — "I can't keep his stuff in stock" — but found the sleeves were too long. Townsend phoned Lam and he personally came down to measure for adjustments, made the changes and delivered it back to the store.

"To get a double-breasted jacket of that quality, with the design factor and that kind of personal service for $225, well, you just can't beat it," she said.

Canadian Signatures offers its own high level of service. A computer mailing list maintains customer's preferences by designer grouping or color.

When something new comes in that might interest them or augment something they have already purchased, a handwritten postcard is sent out. The result of this intelligent marketing is that the young store is already beginning to develop a loyal customer base.

Other smart tactics include the fact that the staff wears samples of the merchandise every day, and meet-the-designer-days are a regular occurrence.

Considering the quality of the fabrics, the design element, and the small quantities produced of each outfit, the prices seem reasonable. An average 2-piece business suit, even in winter-weight fabrics, would run around $500.

Townsend's plans for the future include a Canadian designer evening wear store, to open next year in Hazelton Lanes, and a gradual expansion of the Signatures concept across the country.

New designers are often coming in to see Townsend and show samples of their work. With limited space it's hard to add many new lines to the current roster which includes such names as Brian Bailey, Deborah Kuchme, Loucas, Steven Schacht, Alvin Bell, Sunny Choi and Anne Scally.

Townsend looks forward to the day when some of the designers she carries grow in popularity and are sold in many stores.

"That would be great," she said. "I want them not to need me anymore."

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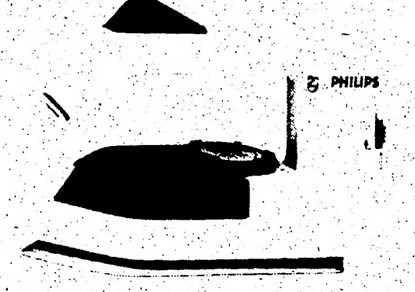

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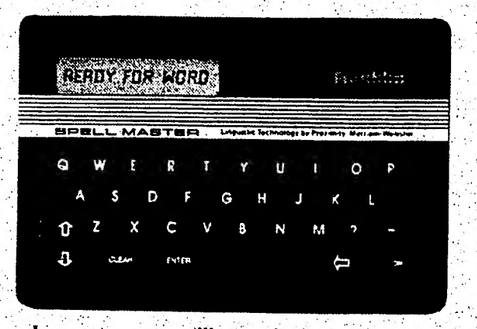

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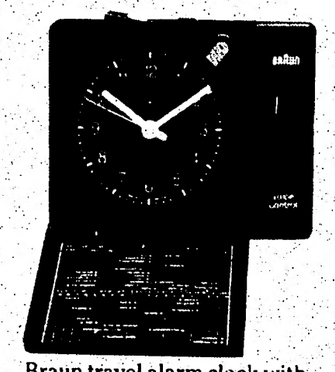

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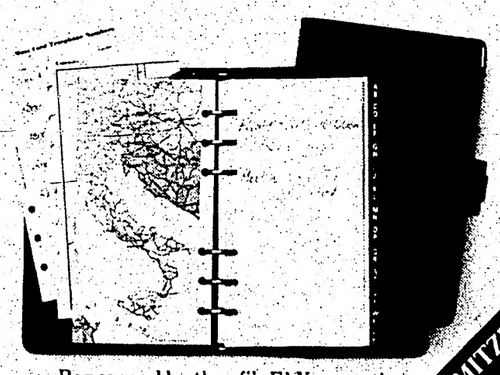

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1-man show at Leah Posluns Theatre

Freud is a most exhilarating drama

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Freud is the dramatized life story of the Jewish genius who revolutionized our ideas about the mysteries of the human mind.

It's a 1-man show, crammed into two illuminating hours, running until Dec. 17 at the Leah Posluns Theatre. And it's the most exhilarating drama I've ever seen there.

Two TV veterans are mainly responsible for this well-researched, warts-and-all stage biography, which is expected to open Off Broadway after its U.S. tour.

It's the first stage play by 40-year-old New Yorker Lynn Roth, who wrote comedy for the *All In The Family* series and the acclaimed TV drama, *That Was The Year That Was.*

Sigmund Freud is portrayed by 64-year-old Harold Gould, nominated for four Emmy Awards and probably best known as Valerie Harper's father in *Rhoda.*

The Austrian neurologist comes across as a vain, stubborn, touchy, obsessed scientist, sometimes irascible, but mostly charming, with a droll, whimsical humor, and always a passionately driven workaholic.

When we first meet him in the first act, he's a rather elegant, gray-bearded physician in his 50s, who has just come from a walk in the rain in turn-of-the-century Vienna.

He strolls casually into Dena Roth's authentically designed set of his therapy office — a thronelike leather chair behind a mammoth desk, shelves of books dealing with disorders of the nervous system, and his famous couch set on a gold, blue and orangey-red rug.

He introduces himself by describing how he just met a medical colleague on his walk. Trying not to show his anger, Freud tells us he asked whether the colleague would be attending his important speech that night at the Vienna College of Physicians summing up his 25 years of treating the mental illness known as hysteria. The man said he'd only be able to hear half the speech, because he had to attend a chess game.

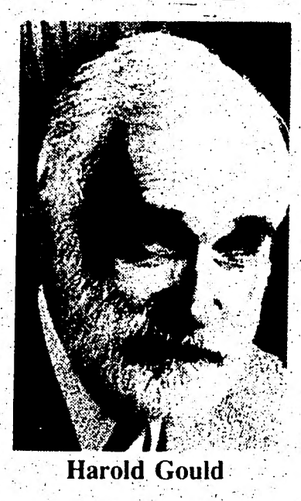
"Well, he's just a coffeehouse intellectual!" blusters Freud. "And a terrible chess player!"

For the rest of the play, by acting out vignettes, Freud bares his soul to us. Of his private life, we learn that he's fond of his wife, Martha (though he stopped having sex relations with her at 40). He loves his six children ("I have more children than I have ideas," he says jocularly).

He is a cocaine addict ("I feel an absence of depression when I take it"). His only relaxation is playing chess and reading whodunit mysteries ("especially by Agatha Christie"). And he has a love-hate relationship with his father, a Talmud-reading wool merchant ("Why did you remain silent when Gentiles called you a dirty Jew?").

His recital of some of the more popular lines in Freud folklore drew gales of laughter from the audience. The heartiest laugh was elicited by his celebrated statement: "After all these years, I've yet to find an answer to the question, 'What does a woman want?' "

Another big laugh came when he pointed out, "People claim I see everything as a phallic symbol." Then, after puffing on his big cigar and staring at it, he added wryly, "But sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."



Harold Gould

He poked fun at people who bombarded him with letters as though he were a Miss Lonelyhearts. "They think we psychoanalysts can solve all problems," he said. "The best I can do is to bring patients from misery to common unhappiness."

But there's nothing funny in the scenes when he recounts the fierce opposition he met from his profession when advocating his "talking cure" therapy and his radical theories that sexuality begins at an infant's birth.

He reads aloud with dismay a letter of rejection: "Your research is not a subject for a scientific journal, but for the police department."

The most heartwrenching scenes are in the 2nd act, when Freud, now a white-bearded, internationally renowned sage, is plagued with a cancerous growth inside his cheek, mounting Viennese anti-semitism, and the defection of his disciples who set up their own rival schools of psychiatry.

"We must cling to each other like *landsmen* in a foreign country," he writes joyfully to his new recruit, the young Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung. "The fact that you are a Gentile will help us escape from the accusation that psychoanalysis is a Jewish national affair."

Alas, Jung, too, soon broke off with him, accusing Freud of being the tyrannical father figure of psychoanalysis who insisted on surrounding himself with "slavish puppies."

The play ends in 1938, when the anguished Freud learns that the German Society for Psychotherapy has been commanded to study Hitler's *Mein Kampf* as a textbook. Furthermore, Jung has accepted a grant enabling him to distinguish between Aryan and Jewish psychology.

Freud packs his treasured papers and books into a box, and makes his exit prepared to head for London, where he is destined to die a year later.

"Our knowledge of the human soul is so incomplete," he says in a glorious curtain line. "Perhaps there is time to do a little more before this life of mine slips away."

Elections are grist for Bob Bossin's satirical mill

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A Canadian election and a U.S. election in the same month is money in the bank for political satirist singer Bob Bossin who loves coming back to Toronto because it's his hometown. Vancouver is where he hangs his hat these days.

Bob Bossin

"Now that George Bush has a steady job, let's hope that he doesn't have to do drugs," Bossin told his audience recently at the Factory Theatre Cafe. On the free trade debate in Canada, he remarked: "The U.S. has Wayne Gretzky, now they want the whole franchise."

His late father Dave Bossin, was a theatrical booking agent and his mother, Marcia, is a well known painter. His uncle, Hye, was editor of *the Canadian Film Digest* and another uncle, Art Arthurs (Bossin) was one of the first Canadians to make it in Hollywood as a screenwriter, scripting *Seeds of Destiny.*

The Jewish satirist has a tolerant attitude towards the Toronto critics. His show's run is over but during the run, one wrote that Bossin is a "singing socialist." His reply to that is, "I can argue that one on both points."

Ray Conlogue in The Globe and Mail said Bossin was now a genial old gaffer." What he doesn't understand, the performer replied, "is that I've always been a genial old gaffer, even when I was young."

No doubt he'll get lots of requests now for one of his songs, "Wonderful Mulroney, he'll fix what's the matter, or walk on the water."

Four generations of the Bossin family have lived in Toronto so Bob feel right at home here. His father, Dave, was born on the boat on the way from the Ukraine to Canada. Bob grew up in the Avenue Rd.-Eglinton Ave. area, attended North Toronto Collegiate and the University of Toronto, where he graduated in general arts, but his most prized diploma is his Ph.D. from Rochdale College.

He was the founder of Stringband, a folk music group which is being reactivated in Vancouver.

The federal election campaign turned so nasty that Bossin said he was considering asking Nicaragua to send observers here. When the polls showed a dramatic rise for John Turner, after the TV debates, he remarked, "aren't steroids incredible?"

At one point in the show, he said: "I'm not a member of an organized political party. I'm a member of the NDP."

When he toured China and explained that some Canadians could not find work, he was asked: "Does that mean that all the work is done?"

Bossin has sold 5,000 bottles of his Home Remedy for Nuclear War for $1 in various parts of Canada as part of his medicine man act. He derides Mulroney's Irish Snake Oil, Turner's Rosedale Water, and Ronald Reagan's Virility Extender."

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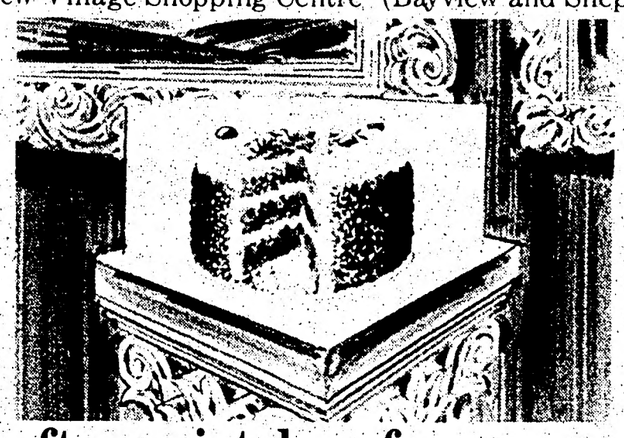

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Arts

Artist-writer Bau turns obsessions into insights

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Tel Aviv artist-writer Joseph Bau's two obsessions are about to propel him into international renown.

His account of the Holocaust, *Sh'not Terzach* (1938 Spells Murder), is being translated into Polish, for distribution in Poland and incorporation into that country's school curriculum. The book, published in 1982, has been used in religious and non-religious Israeli schools for several years now.

It has earned widespread acclaim in Israel, according to daughter Hadassah Bau, in Canada recently to find a translator and publisher in English. Bau is also compiling a dictionary of Polish words derived from Hebrew.

Bau's newly published *Brit Milah* (Covenant of the Word, a pun in Hebrew on circumcision) will be distributed through Israel's Judaica Centre here. Defying narrow categorization, Brit Milah is a kind of etymological-satirical compendium on some 275 Hebrew words, each the subject of a paragraph or two of clever observations and a single-panel cartoon. The book is in Hebrew.

"To say that my father has a love for words would not be correct," said Hadassah. "He has a mania for them. My mother sometimes objects."

Bau, 68, is a leading Israeli graphic artist, cartoonist, and film animator, as well as a serious painter whose works have been widely displayed in Israel. He is also a poet, essayist, and author.

Sh'not Terzach combines Bau's personal experiences as a young man in Plashow (near Krakow, Poland) with facts, data, and artistic reactions, to form a vivid and multidimensional account of the Holocaust.

Diagrams portray the strategy of total murder and map the ghettos. Political cartoons recall the Nazis' determination. The reproduction of a foldout ghetto identity card — his mother's, who died shortly after liberation — yellowing, stamped, and signed, contributes to the immediacy evoked by his prose.

• An account of the various duplicities practised by the Germans to camouflage their intent goes far in explaining to readers who were not there the victims' resistance to believing the worst.

• The author's ghetto escape just before Chanukah one year depicts the stage of the Holocaust in vivid local detail.

Bau and her mother-to-be, said Hadassah, were married in the women's section of the Plashow concentration camp. Bau smuggled himself in disguised as a woman.

Bau and his family moved to Israel in 1950, where he began work as a graphic artist in Haifa. Earlier, he taught fine arts at an ORT school in Poland and was a press cartoonist.

Right after the war, he studied fine arts at Krakow University. An acquaintance of his was fellow student Karel Wotila, a local priest pursuing higher religious studies. "Bau and the Pope-to-be sat in adjacent classrooms," said Hadassah.

Hebrew readers and students of the language will find the glossy hardcovered Brit Milah fascinating. For example, Bau attributes — perhaps somewhat tongue-in-cheek — the Yiddish expression of woe, *oy vey*, and its Hebrew form, *oy v'avoy li*, to *oy vai*, which means my enemies; the accompanying sketch shows a cowering man surrounded by a circle of hostile people.

In his chart on the proposed evolution of the alphabet from pictograms to modern Hebrew and Roman letters, he presents the suggestion that the lamed depicts a whip, a traditional teaching aide for thousands of years. (The verb limaid means to teach.) Is this also tongue-in-cheek? Or did the verb in early times refer to the training and discipline of slaves? Subtitles and intellectual stimulation abound in the book.

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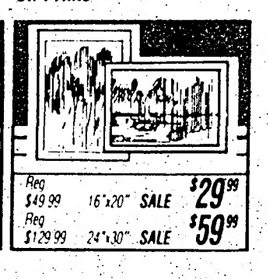

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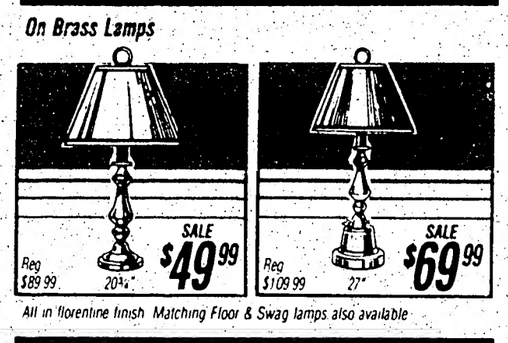

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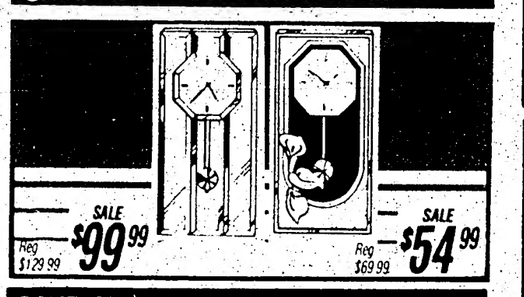

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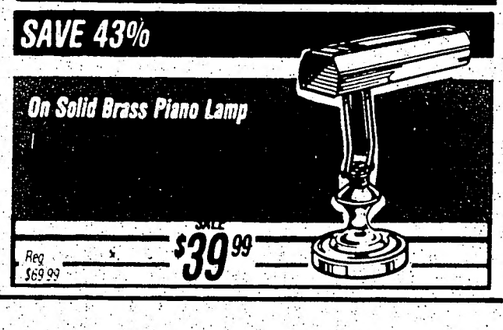

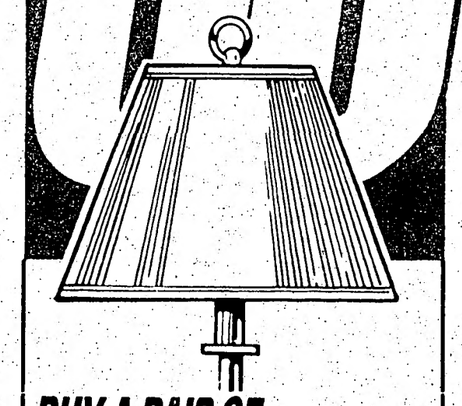
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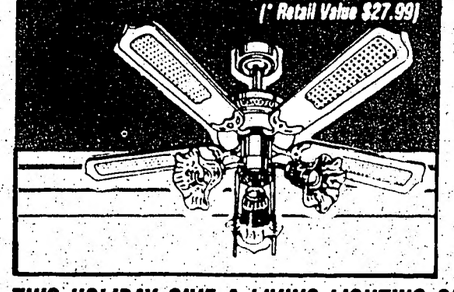

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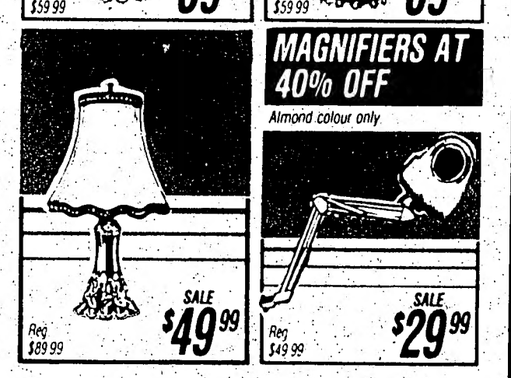

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Le Chien captures authentic idiom of French family

Bold, searing drama examines father/son relationship

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

I urge you not to be put off by its unfortunate title, *Le Chien*.

As you probably remember from your high school French, that means, of course, "The Dog."

But, in fact, it's performed in English, not French. And it's far from being a dog of a play.

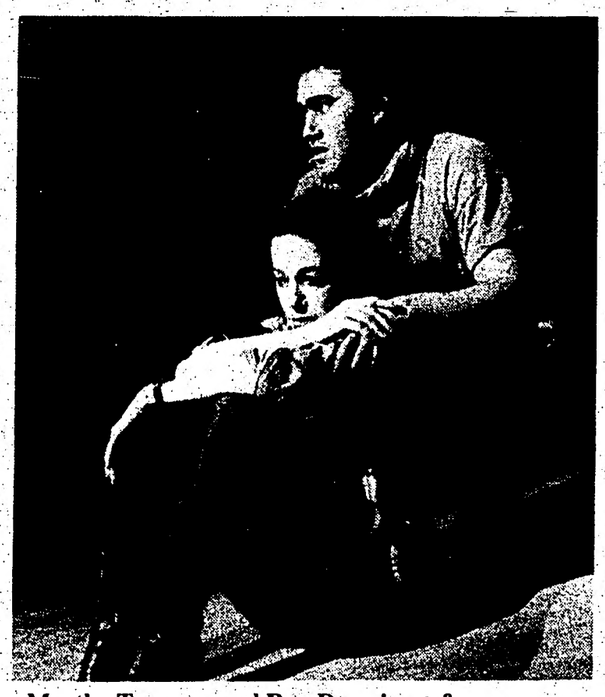
I further urge you to catch it before it concludes its brief engagement on Dec. 4 at the Factory Theatre (125 Bathurst St. at Adelaide, 864-9971).

Why? Because it's a drama of searing power. It's beautifully acted and directed. And it heralds the arrival of a bold and brilliant new voice in Canadian theatre.

He's 31-year-old Jean Marc Dalpe. Mark the name well; I predict we'll be hearing a lot more of his poetic eloquence in the future.

Born in the French-oriented Lowertown of Ottawa, he has served for the past six years as playwright-in-residence at Sudbury's Le Theatre du Nouvel-Ontario, where he has turned out such collaborative works as *Nickel* and *Hawkesbury Blues*.

Le Chien is Dalpe's first solo script. When it was staged in French last year in Sudbury, Ottawa and Montreal, critics hailed him as a combination of John Steinbeck, Sam Shepard and Michel Tremblay.



Marthe Turgeon and Roy Dupuis perform powerfully as mother and son in Le Chien, a superb drama in English at Factory Theatre.

In its English-translation premiere at the Factory Theatre, I'd say he has his own raw, tour-de-force individuality, and his subject is a fresh one. It captures the authentic idiom and humor and frustrations of three generations of a French family who pioneereed in the bush country of northern Ontario.

Forget about Louis Hemon's old fashioned Quebecois wilderness novel you may have studied at school, *Maria Chapdelaine*. The protagonist of Dalpe's family saga is a thoroughly contemporary character in his 20s named Jay.

Yet the play's theme is as timeless as ancient Greek drama — the conflict between father and son cut off from communication and battling for supremacy.

It's a prodigal-son, coming-home drama. Jay returns to the family farm near Timmins, with a 12-pack of Northern Ale under his arm, a big chip on his shoulder, and a smouldering desire to come to terms with himself and his roots.

The play begins with the offstage howls of the family's chained mad dog, the symbol of Jay's hard-boozing, hard-hitting, emotionally sick father. It ends with Jay picking up a loaded revolver and shooting both, his arms at last embracing the body of his unyielding father.

In between, we come to know the five members of the family and how they feel about survival in the north country.

Pierre Collin, as the 87-year-old grandfather, gives us a vivid picture of what it was like to be a frontier pioneer. He escaped from the poverty of Quebec, where he was one of 20 children "seated around the table and brought up on potatoes and molasses."

He took enormous pride out of putting in a good day's work, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., clearing the land. "You could see what you had accomplished, beginning with nothing, and pushing back the forest that has been here for a million years, and feeling good about it."

Marthe Turgeon presents a magnificent portrait of mother, an attractive, bawdy-humored woman in a lumberjack shirt, who at 45 loves Bugs Bunny cartoons and *Dallas* on TV, but hates living in "this godforsaken hole, where one winter slips into the next winter, and where you know what people will say even before they say it."

She once dreamed that her son might grow up to be a hockey star with the Montreal Canadiens or a great writer like Victor Hugo, but is ready to accept him for what he is.

The adopted hymn-singing sister, as portrayed by Isabelle Vincent, is torn emotionally by their sullen father. On the one hand, she says, she's always asking, "Do you love us, Pa? But he never answers." On the other hand she finally confesses she is fearful of him, because she has become pregnant, a victim of his lust.

Roger Blay fleshes out the father as a complex, pathetic miner, simmering with violence, frustrated by the shutting down of the mines, and lashing out at the world in his desperation. Grabbing an axe handle, he likens himself to a wild animal. "I must hit out at something!" he bellows. "If it weren't for the bush, I'd end up in an asylum!"

He ends up dead in the arms of Roy Dupuis, in the turbulent role of his son, wailing like a helpless young Marlon Brando at the end of his tether: "What about me? What about me?"

Brigitte Haentjens, the veteran director of the Sudbury troupe, has skilfully placed the actors in tableaux in Pierre Perrault's evocative northern set — a sloping stage with a cool, cobalt-blue sky in the background and a heap of rocky earth in the foreground.

The director has also made marvellous use of the original country music composed and strummed on an electric guitar by Robert Paquette.

Altogether, It's a powerhouse of a drama, with its tragedy punctuated by robust humor.

Alfred Kolatch's book on Torah likely to be classic

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Torah reading in the synagogue and the Jewish view of political administration are diverse topics, within the framework of traditional Judaism, treated in two new books. One is practical and direct, the other academic in tone.

Alfred Kolatch's *This is the Torah* **(Jonathan David, U.S. $17) is a 420-page question-and-answer handbook that will provide valuable information about Torah reading customs to even the most knowledgeable reader.**

It — like *The Jewish Book of Why*, The Jonathan David *Dictionary of First Names*, *Who's Who in the Talmud*, and other previous books by Kolatch — is a winner. Concise, clearly written, authoritatively (but not intimidatingly) documented, and comprehensive, the book seems an immediate classic, destined to be referred to in countless homes and libraries for years to come.

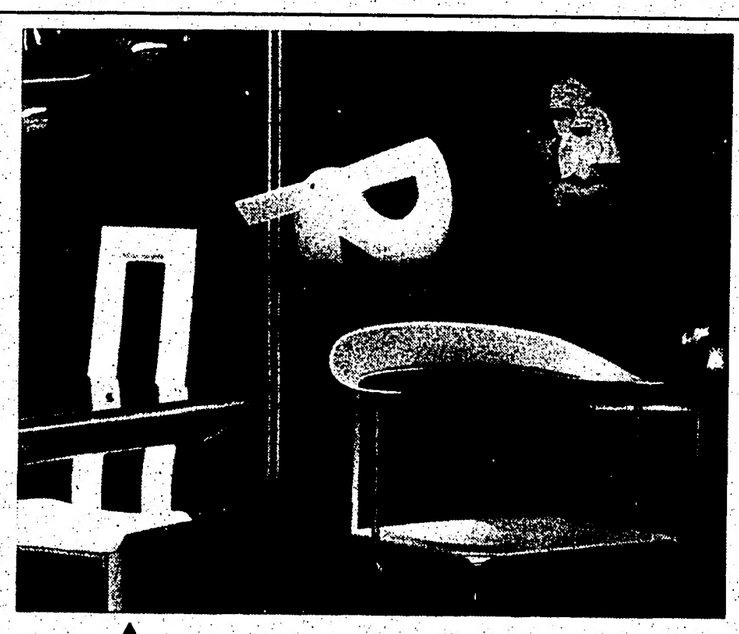
The book covers the basics in good detail, considering the scope of the material. It ranges from the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai to the specific readings for various holidays throughout the year.

Sol Roth's *Halachah and Politics: The Jewish Idea of a State* **(Ktav-Yeshiva University Press) contrasts some Jewish concepts of statehood with their non-Jewish counterparts, in a deliberative and philosophic style.**

The author is a professor of philosophy and religion at Yeshiva University, as well as the rabbi of New York's prestigious Fifth Avenue Synagogue.

Roth's use of professional philosophical terminology, combined with talmudic subtleties, gives the layman a strenuous mental workout. Presumably, the author's students and fellow academics are in better shape to mine his book than the average reader, however strong the latter's interest may be.

Roth takes many of his examples from U.S. political processes. This reviewer, who was expecting at least some reference to the challenges posed by the modern state of Israel, was disappointed.



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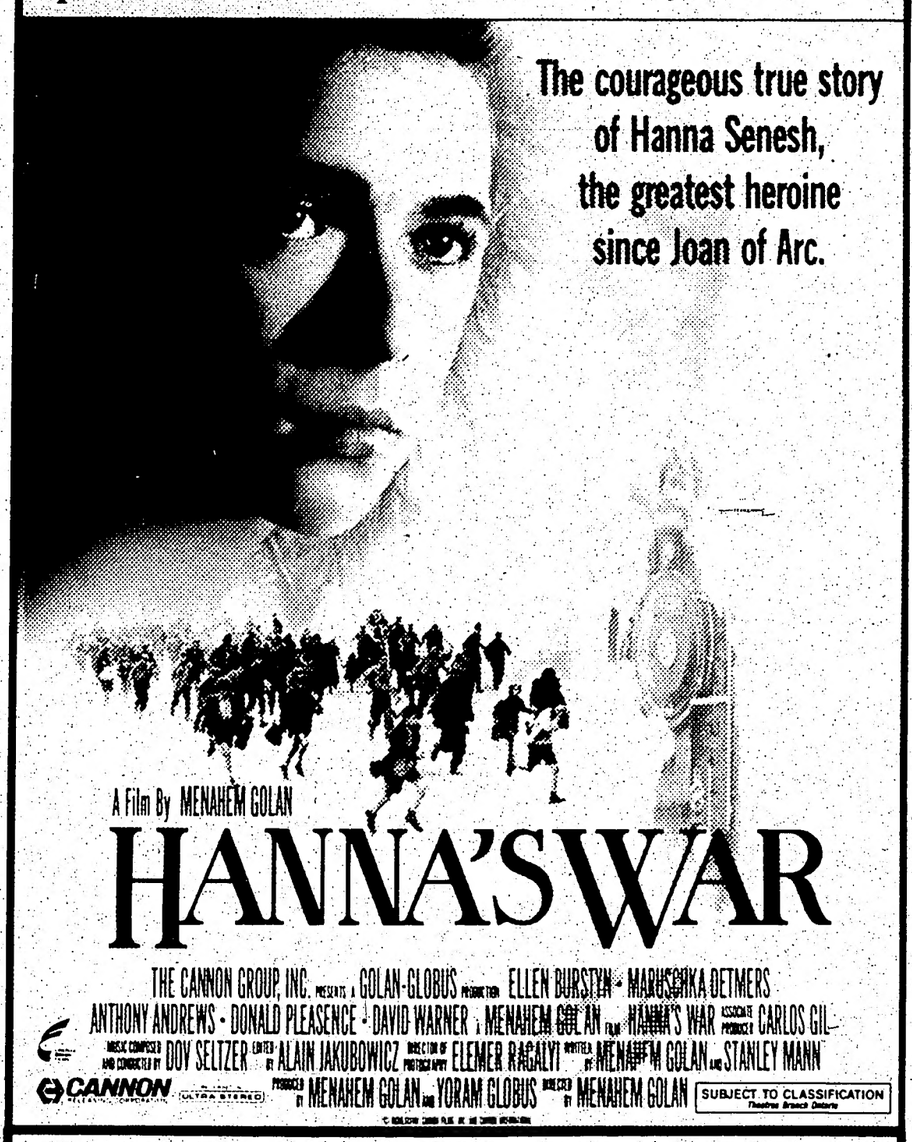

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Arts

Long on heroics, short on introspection

Well-intentioned Hanna's War marred by cliches

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
The story of Hanna Senesh, which is already quite well known, has been adapated for the screen by Menahem Golan, the Israeli director.

Golan's action-packed film, *Hanna's War*, is based on *The Diaries of Hanna Senesh* and *A Great Wind Cometh*, which was written by her comrade-in-arms, Yoel Palgi. Golan and Stanley Mann wrote the script.

The film, which was shot on location in Israel and Hungary, opened at Cineplex Odeon theatres last week.

Senesh, a Hungarian Jew with literary ambitions, immigrated to Palestine in the late 1930s in response to the rising tide of anti-semitism in her homeland. She studied at an agricultural school and then joined Kibbutz Sdot-Yam. In 1944, she and a group of volunteers who had been trained as commandos and spies by the British parachuted into German-occupied Yugoslavia to organize escape routes for captured Royal Air Force pilots, establish a resistance network and, if possible, to help imperiled Jewish communities behind Nazi lines.

Hanna Senesh (Maruschka Detmers) after finishing her training as a paratrooper in the British Royal Air Force.

With the help of Yugoslavian partisans, Hanna and several of her fellow commandos crossed into Hungary to save as many Jews as they could. By this point, the Germans were occupying Hungary and setting in motion the machinery of destruction that was to doom hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews.

Hanna was not lucky. Captured, interrogated and tortured by the Hungarian police, she was eventually shot by a firing squad just as the Russians were poised to liberate Budapest from the grip of fascist Arrow Cross rule.

Distant bagpipes

Hanna's War, which opens on the shores of Lake Balaton in 1938, is a conventional account of Senesh's life long on heroics and short on introspection. Senesh is portrayed as a brave, tenacious, sensitive woman. Maruschka Detmers, a Dutch actress of some intensity, portrays Hanna in workmanlike fashion. Ellen Burstyn plays her mother, Katalin. Donald Pleasence, the quintessential villain, appears as Rosza, her beady-eyed torturer. David Warner is Captain Simon, the cowardly police official who condemned Hanna.

Although *Hanna's War* is well-intentioned and interesting to a degree, it is marred by cliched, hopelessly saccharine scenes best fit for a TV soap opera.

Much like an old-fashioned travelogue, the camera pans tenderly on Hanna feeding milk to a calf, on kibbutzniks dancing to the sound of Havanagila, and on Hanna and her brother walking hand-in-hand on a beach at sunset.

As her Scottish commanding officer (Anthony Andrews) dies after a raid on a German train carrying Jews to their deaths, the soundtrack swells to distant skirl of bagpipes.

The Yugoslavian partisans, led by a Col. Illya (Miodrag Krivokaptic), resemble flamboyant circus performers rather than serious fighters. David Ben-Gurion (Shimon Finkel) looks more like a kindly grandfather than a statesman.

These criticisms notwithstanding, *Hanna's War is* not a bad film. Considering the gravity of the subject, it's a pity that it isn't any better.

Rumor-mongering that leads to grief

Film looks at strange Aussie legal case

TORONTO —
On a cool spring night in 1980, in the shadow of Ayres Rock, Australia's No. 1 tourist attraction, a baby disappeared.

The disappearance resulted in the most tumultuous legal wrangling in Australian history.

Lindy and Michael Chamberlain, the parents of the child, were not left alone in their grief. The media swooped down on them and gradually the Chamberlains were tarred by the brush of rumor, innuendo, suspicion and religious intolerance.

The hysterical atmosphere surrounding the case was palpable, and in the end the Chamberlains — pious Seventh Day Adventists who believed in a Second Coming — paid dearly for it.

Although no body or incriminating weapon ever emerged, Lindy Chamberlain was charged with murder, found guilty of the crime and sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labor. Her husband, a pastor with a bright future, was found guilty of being an accessory to the fact, but was released so that he could care for their two children.

After 3½ years in prison, on the basis of striking new evidence, Lindy Chamberlain was released, and exonerated. Several months ago, a criminal appeal court concluded that the Chamberlains' earlier convictions had "constituted a miscarriage of justice and must be quashed."

Fred Schepisi's film, *A Cry in the Dark*, is based on these hard facts. Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *A Cry in the Dark* is not just a routine factual recitation of a tragedy, but a startling human drama.

The script, written jointly by Robert Caswell and Schepisi, is in essence about a grotesque miscarriage of justice in a supposedly civilized country.

The one and only Meryl Streep plays the part of Lindy Chamberlain. Several comments are in order about her performance, which is memorable.

Meryl's accent simply splendid

First, she hasn't lost her inimitable, uncanny ability to mimic native accents. Her Aussie English is simply splendid.

Second, Streep is awesomely comfortable in her role. She portrays a misunderstood and maligned woman of nerves of steel who is more than a little naive about the press and who doesn't comport herself as "properly" as she is expected to do under the circumstances.

Sam Neill, who plays her husband, is a marvel as well. As Michael Chamberlain, he's cast as the ideal husband whose frailties come into the open as the crisis in his life magnifies and whose faith in his God diminishes as he's swept into a maelstrom of uncertainty. Like Streep, Neill doesn't utter a single false note.

***A Cry in the Dark* is a revealing commentary about the vicious, repelling nature of rumor-mongering and character assassination. It's a story that stands the test of time, and it rises to the occasion thanks to two extraordinary actors who bring it all alive.**

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Showbiz Mishmash

"Darling Brute" Kirk Douglas a champ storyteller

By
FRANK RASKY

Most book reviewers have played up the love-hate, father-and-son relationship in the new **Kirk Douglas** autobiography, *The Ragman's Son* (Musson; 511 pages; $29.95).

They have also concentrated on the he-man hunk aspects of the 71-year-old movie superstar, with the big chest, flexing biceps and dimpled crater in his javelin chin.

But the memoirs of the former Issur (Izzy) Danielovitch, nicknamed by the French Brute Cherie (Darling Brute), impressed me for other reasons.

What surprised me most was how literate and sensitive he could be about his Jewishness and what a marvellous natural storyteller he was.

As a journalist who has interviewed him, you can take my word for it that this is no ghostwritten book. It's a totally engrossing page-turner, and every page reflects the cocky, dreamy, ornery son of illiterate Russian immigrant parents from upstate Amsterdam, NY, who got ahead living by the credo: "Aggressive *menschen* get attention."

It got him stardom in 72 films, four Oscar nominations, and memorable roles in five cinema classics: the agonized boxer in *Champion*; the conscience-stricken colonel in *Paths of Glory*; the tormented Vincent Van Gogh in *Lust For Life*; the noble slave in *Spartacus*; and the sensitive professor in *A Letter To Three Wives*.

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Here is an example of his anecdotage that delighted me. I enjoyed most this boyhood memory of the tranquility he found in the kitchen with his mother, **Bryna**, a former baker in the Ukraine:

"Sometimes in the quiet kitchen, the sunlight would dance on the wall in rhythm to my mother's rapid movements as she kneaded the challah bread for Sabbath.

" 'What's on the wall, Ma?'

" 'The angels making bread.'

"I believed what my mother told me. When it thundered, the angels were bowling. When it snowed, the angels were sweeping off the porch of heaven.

"I was happy in the kitchen, with the wood-burning stove. It was quiet. No one there but Ma and me and the angels."

Kirk Douglas

Eve Arden

Peter Newman

Mimi Mekler

Liberace

Steve Holt

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A Chanukah gift that I'd recommend is **Peter Newman's** most recent collection of his reportage, *Sometimes A Great Nation* (McClelland & Stewart; 328 pages; $27.95). It's a witty and perceptive book, especially these quotes:

On **John Turner:** "He's about as spontaneous as a computer . . . as nervous as a beaver in heat."

On **Brian Mulroney:** "Behind those Gucci eyes there still lurks the small-town boy from Baie Comeau, who grew up with no money and less privilege."

On Canadian Jews, as seen by **Mordecai Richler:**

"They are among this country's most valuable citizens, warm, generous, and amazingly productive, proud if slightly insecure about being Canadian.

"Or, as Mordecai Richler would have it: 'Canadian-born, he sometimes felt as if he were condemned to lope slant-shouldered through this world that confused him. One shoulder sloping downwards, groaning under the weight of his Jewish heritage . . . the other thrust heavenwards, yearning for an inheritance, any inheritance, weightier than the construction of a transcontinental railway, a reputation for honest trading, good skiing conditions.' "

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Some critics condescendingly referred to him as "The King of Kitsch" and "The Wizard of Ooze." But I've always admired **Walter Valentino Liberace** as "The Prince of Showmanship Pizzazz." The master gets the respectful treatment he deserves in *Liberace: The True Story* by **Bob Thomas** (McClelland & Stewart; 284 pages; $28.95).

In it, you'll learn all about the dark side of his closet homosexuality. But you'll also learn how he succeeded by breaking the conventional rules of TV. Against orders, he smiled directly into the closeup camera. "We don't do that in TV," he was told. "I do," he replied. And it worked.

He won a vast daytime audience, going so far as to spray his temples with gray for borrowed maturity in case his matronly fans should regard him as too callow.

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Nostalgia fans should also find entertaining the memoirs of actress **Eve Arden,** *Three Phases of Eve* (McClelland & Stewart; 286 pages; $24.95).

At 76, the former wise-cracking schoolteacher of TV's *Our Miss Brooks* is as breezy as ever. She even manages to find humor in this Plea To A Psychiatrist poem that begins one of her chapters:

"Save this patient's battered ego/ Help express her shy libido/ Teach her to let out aggression/ Turn away despair, depression/ Make unpleasant nightmares "lesshion.' "

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My tip of the hat this week goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to Montreal-born pianist-composer **Steve Holt**, who will lead his Steve Holt Jazz Quartet Dec. 9 and 10 and 16 and 17 at Barrister's, Toronto's newest jazz bar in the Hilton Hotel on Richmond St. at University.

Despite its oddball name, *Jesus, Confucius & John Lennon*, by the Chinese playwright, **Sha Yexin**, will feature two Jewish theatre people when it runs from Dec. 9 to 31 at the Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst St. (864-9971), produced by the Acting Company. They are **Mimi Mekler,** 33, the Toronto-born dramaturge of the Acting Company; and Montreal-born actor **Greg Morris**, 26, who portrays Saint Sebastian, a 3rd-century martyr.

Members of the Toronto Association of Jewish Seniors and the Bernard Betel Centre are looking forward to seeing two 30-minute National Film Board documentaries about seniors, titled *Mr. Nobody* and *A House Divided*, on Vision TV religious network Dec. 1 and 8 at 8 p.m. and repeated at 11 p.m.

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My exit line is **Errol Flynn's** witticism about stardom: "It isn't what they say about you; it's what they whisper."

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Film really All-American

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Taylor Hackford's *Everybody's All-American* is American to the core.

Watching it, you realize it could only have been made by a director superbly attuned to the idiosyncrasies of American culture.

It's as genuine as apple pie and vanilla ice cream, or pizza and Coke. There's no mistaking it for anything else but a slice of Americana.

Everybody's All-American examines the life of a seemingly perfect couple over a span of 25 years, from 1956 to 1981. Unfolding against the backdrop of the complacent Eisenhower presidency, the civil rights movement, the Vietnam war and the space probes, it encompasses an era of vast change.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *Everybody's All-American* opens in a packed football stadium in Baton Rouge as Gavin Grey (Dennis Quaid), the legendary Louisiana University running back, makes yet another touchdown for his team. Filmed in 35 mm, in black and white, this sequence is fairly authentic, and sets the tone for what comes later.

Grey, known to fans and admirers as the Gray Ghost, is a archetypal football player. With his brush cut and brash, friendly bar room manner, Grey is a southerner par excellence, a good 'ol boy.

His fiancee, Babs Rogers (Jessica Lange), is a blonde bombshell, a sorority queen who majors in "Gavin and me," who lives for the day when she and her hero can be bound in matrimonial bliss. Clearly, Babs is a pre-1960s woman, a Marilyn Monroe-like figure before she comes into her own.

Together, they're walking advertisements for the White Anglo Saxon Protestant couple of the year.

Everybody's All-American **revolves around their picture-book relationship, which endures despite personal disappointments and an instance of infidelity. While Grey can't quite cope with his decline as a football star and his demise as a commercial drawing card, Babs develops her strengths and ultimately emerges as the breadwinner and emotional anchor of their family. From sheltered southern belle, Babs tranforms herself into a tough, savvy entrepreneur who garners more respect than her husband.**

Quaid and Lange are great — he as the aging All-American who doesn't know when to quit and who fails to plan for his future; she as the demure magazine beauty who ages gracefully and responds to challenges with intelligence, courage and fortitude.

Timothy Hutton appears as Cake, the quiet, self-assured Joe College who becomes a scholar of repute and who almost sweeps Babs off her feet. John Goodman plays Grey's racist team-mate cum-buddy who meets a violent end, while Carl Lumbly depicts a Black from an impoverished background who turns adversity into an advantage.

Everybody's All-American, **which is ably supported by a superior makeup department and an inventive costume designer, is a competent, middle-of-the-road film that holds a viewer's interest with a minimum of fuss. Nothing more and nothing less.**

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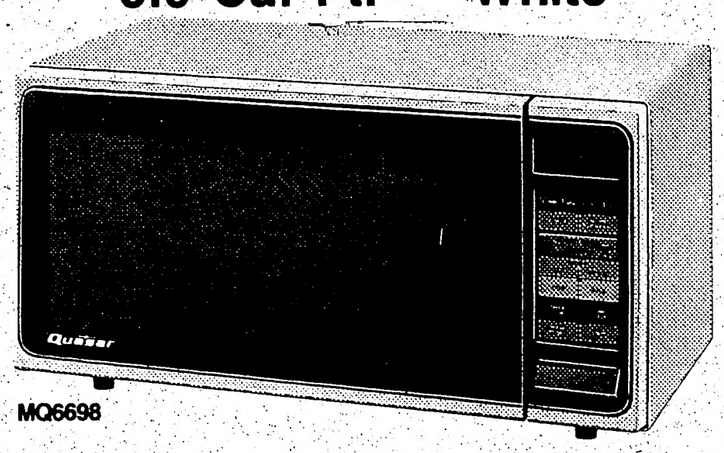

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36 interviewees address variety of topics

Canadian Jews pose for group portrait in new book

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Voices of Canadian Jews. Edited by Bryan M. Knight & Rachel Alkallay. Chestnut Press, $18 (paperbound).

Here is what some Canadian Jews — prominent and otherwise — have to say on a variety of subjects:

SIMMA HOLT, Vancouver journalist and former MP: "I ran for election and my campaign manager was a real solid and cold crud. First of all he didn't like women, and I discovered that he probably didn't like Jews. He said to me part way through, 'Well, nobody in the riding knows your Jewish, so let's not say anything.' 'Why, I had never made a secret about it! I got married in shul . . .' And he said, 'If they like you, they don't want to know. They don't know how to deal with it; they think there's something different about you.' I've never known anti-semitism growing up because I grew up in the country and I was pretty naive. I only ran into it when I came here."

DAVID KING, Halifax neurologist: "To me, one of the most wonderful things, and the reason that I believe that God exists is that natural law is constant. If you think about it, how do we know the sun will rise tomorrow? It rises for a reason. It rises because the earth turns on its axis. But why should the earth continue to turn on its axis at exactly the same rate that causes the sun to rise? Exactly the same natural law that applied to Abraham, applies to us today, and will continue to apply forever, because natural law in point of fact, is absolute law. It is the thing that truly derives from the Almighty.

MEL HURTIG, Edmonton publisher: "There are many ways that Canadians and Americans are different. I admire the United States in many ways, and respect Americans in many ways, but Canadians are different and I want to preserve that difference.

"Canadians are much less violent than Americans. The homicide rate in the United States is infinitely greater than it is in Canada. Canadians do not regard themselves as Rambos, and they are not a militaristic, aggressive, paranoid nation. Canadians by-and-large are more peaceful, they tend to be more tolerant, and we have developed a society that is in many ways much more advanced than the United States."

NATALIE WEXLER, Toronto anti-drug campaigner: "I've never met a Jewish kid who is streetwise in my whole life. I don't know any streetwise Jewish kids. Maybe that's what our problem is in many ways: our kids are so protected. They're not 'wise' about the world at all because we hold them sometimes too close. All kids know where to get drugs. I mean, that's the easiest thing in the world. Drugs are out there and kids are approached with them. Hard to say 'no,' but of course when they buy it, they don't know what they're getting."

HENRY GORDON, Toronto magician and debunker of parapsychology. "No matter how much you expose certain people, the people who wish to believe in them will continue to believe. Uri Geller has been exposed by me, by others, who have spent even more time on him than I have. We've shown how he does the things: the key-bending, all the riduculous things and still you'd be surprised how many people believe him. I don't believe him. I am sick and tired of Uri Geller."

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These opinions, attitudes and obiter dicta are culled from taped and edited interviews with 36 Canadian Jews from coast to coast. The interviewees are a mixed lot with widely differing views on politics, patriotism, religion, sex, anti-semitism, etc.

In addition to the figures already mentioned there are personal revelations from other well known personalities such as Ed Mirvish, entrepreneur; Howard Engel, novelist; Richard Goldbloom, pediatrician; Joey Richman, athlete; Bernard Shapiro, educator and Gunther Plaut, rabbi.

At least four-fifths of the interviews contain something of enduring meaning and interest. Taken together they provide a colorful and many-sided group portrait of Canadian Jewry in the dwindling years of the 20th century.

Koffler Gallery to show Bareket Jerusalem photos

By DEBBIE MONDROW

TORONTO —

The Koffler Gallery is exhibiting the photographs of Nir Bareket's Jerusalem From 1 to 31: A City Calendar, in celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary. The basis of the exhibit is a series of photographs of numbers from Jerusalem's gateposts, shutters and walls.

In the summer of 1973 Bareket began his 2-year search for these images showing the character of the city. He had no way of predicting that his work would soon be interrupted by the Yom Kippur War which would "silence for a while his spirit of creation. "I thought that I would never photograph again, but time heals many wounds."

Six months after resuming work as chief photographer of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, Bareket was once again ready to pick up the trail, and completed his calendar in 1975.

"I searched for certain elements rather than street portraits," he explains, choosing "personal hand-scribbled notes pinned to doorways," graffiti demonstrating human action, and even lucky numbers scratched into the stone.

While there are no people in his images, they are nonetheless omnipresent, their lives creating personal records in this ancient and universal city, "a city that means so much to so many people."

Bareket moved to Toronto with his family in 1975. His subsequent photographs of Toronto's Old Don Jail were the first works by a contemporary photographer to be purchased by the City of Toronto Archives.

In 1978, Bareket participated as the Toronto Representative in the Albert Franck Artist Exchange in Amsterdam.

Since then he has completed two more city calendars, one of Amsterdam, and one of Toronto, concentrating on the inventory of the Toronto Historical Board.

He is hoping to also do one of Volgograd, Russia, and exhibit all four calendars under one roof.

Jerusalem 1 to 31 will be exhibited at the Koffler Gallery Dec. 8 - Jan. 12.

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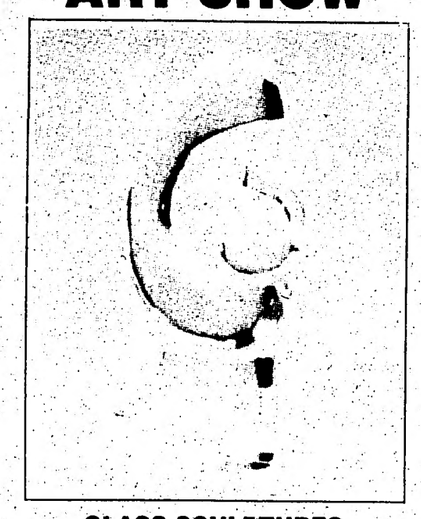

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Jamaica rebounds from Hurricane Gilbert's damage

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica — All the scenes of horrible devastation shown on television as Hurricane Gilbert cut a vicious swath that touched almost every part of Jamaica were true, and the storm certainly was one of the worst natural disasters ever to hit the island nation.

But many of the newspaper accounts contained inaccuracies and exaggerations, often from eyewitnesses who believed their demise was imminent.

A recent visit, five weeks after the storm wreaked havoc, laid to rest some of the tall tales and showed how quickly the tourist areas have recovered. All that remains now for the tourism industry is to convince North Americans and others to "make it Jamaica again" and start bringing back their vacation dollars that form the lifeblood of the country's economy.

There will be hard times for the indefinite future for many Jamaicans, especially those dependent on agriculture and livestock, as those industries were particularly hard hit, but the people are extremely resilient and optimistic, and the work that has been done in the short space of time since Gilbert is impressive.

This story will report on some of the current conditions and services offered at hotel properties inspected during the visit.

It can be said unconditionally that travellers to the areas of Ocho Rios, Montego Bay and Negril will suffer no inconvenience in the wake of the hurricane. There is plenty of electrical power, food and drink, the warm ocean beckons, the lush greenery is quickly growing back and no one is starving in the streets.

If anything, the Jamaican people have had a graphic reminder of the importance of the tourism industry, and visitors, especially Canadians, whom the islanders seem to have a special affection for, are greeted like old friends.

On finding out that the tourists they were speaking to were Canadian journalists, Jamaicans of all occupations were quick to extend a welcome and assure potential visitors that Jamaica is "irie," — the local vernacular for "all right."

"We open our arms wide and welcome them anytime," said Peter Rennicks, a Rastafarian craft vendor, experiencing the worst tourist drought he has seen in 10 years of business.

MONTEGO BAY REGION:

Wyndham Rose Hall: The hotel that "peeled like a banana" in the words of one terrified ham radio operator, is still there, looking very much like a luxurious resort hotel and very little like a banana, peeled or otherwise. It now is open for business.

Holiday Inn Montego Bay: This large, solidly-build hotel was said to have "split in two." Not true, though the property did suffer extensive damage, especially to the roofs and some of the rooms. The proprietors have taken the opportunity to replace carpeting and furniture in many of the rooms, so the product should be even better than before.

Sandals Montego Bay: Some of the ceiling tiles and roofing of this luxurious, all-inclusive couples resort were found four miles away. The cost of repairing the damage to the hotel has exceeded $4 million, but today a guest would never know it happened.

The only graphic reminder is the huge uprooted tree sprawled on the lawn of the spread-out resort. Management plans to build stairs around it and stage marriages on the "Gilbert tree."

Heeding the radio warnings that tracked Gilbert for several days before it struck, hotel general manager Ewart McKay evacuated guests the day before.

Seawind Beach Resort: This large, mid-priced hotel complex that welcomes families, students and couples, is the favorite destination for Canadian travellers in the Caribbean.

During an average winter, 55% of the hotel's guests are Canadians — totalling an astounding 10,000 per year. The hotel weathered the storm well and no evacuation was needed.

Many of the Canadian guests stayed to help with the cleanup after Gilbert, general manager Lucille Lu said.

Lu reports that the occupancy rate, which should be close to 80% at this time of year, is down to 20%, and bookings are just "dribbling in," as many have been scared off by the hurricane footage.

NEGRIL:

Hedonism, an all-inclusive resort, whose motto is "The pleasure comes in many forms," is geared mainly to a younger crowd, often single and slightly wild. Hedonism was spared much damage from the storm, and had the highest paid occupancy of any of the properties visited.

Sandals Negril has recently opened after a major facelift.

Negril features many smaller hotels, villas and even campgrounds on the beach. The low-budget traveller would be wise to look into some of these options. The sunsets at Negril are awesome.

OCHO RIOS:

Like several of the major Jamaican hotels, Club American is 100% owned by the Jamaican government.

Again all-inclusive, the hotel offers a breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet, watersports, a small but attractive beach and close proximity to nightlife in Ocho Rios. The rooms are cleans and nicely furnished, and all of Gilbert's damage has been fixed or replaced.

Another all-inclusive resort, including cigarettes, Couples Ocho Rios is a relaxed place that appeals to all ages of adult couples.

One of the most attractive properties visited, Jamaica Jamaica is fully operational and recovered. The beach is a quarter-mile long, the food at a buffet lunch was exceptional and the number of inclusive activities would take more than a week to sample.

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Several travel books to curl up with as the days grow colder...

Many Torontonians can still remember when their city was bland and provincial and when neighboring Buffalo seemed far more alluring than Toronto.

Thankfully, those days are long gone, and contemporary Toronto is cosmopolitan and sophisticated, and increasingly, a popular tourist destination.

To appreciate its development as a metropolis, you can do no better than to immerse yourself in Michael Kluckner's wonderful coffee-table volume, *Toronto The Way It Was (Whitecap Books)* presents an overview of the city from about 1890 to 1950.

Kluckner, a painter and a writer, looks at Toronto through its variegated neighborhoods, its newspapers, its great department stores and its personalities. The Jewish population is treated in several pages dealing with The Ward and Kensington.

Kluckner's watercolors of Toronto street scenes are superb. I wouldn't mind hanging one of his originals on my wall.

Jan Morris, the British travel writer, provides a succinct introduction. Toronto, clearly, has seduced her. As she puts it: "If I were a traveller from out of a Black Hole somewhere, and I had time only for a single metropolis before the rocket left again, I think I might well choose for inspection... Toronto."

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Rugged, remote and often beautiful, Newfoundland and Labrador are off the beaten track for the average tourist. But after you've flipped through the pages of *This Marvellous Terrible Place (Firefly Books, $19.95)*, you'll probably wonder why you haven't been there.

This Marvellous Terrible Place **is a tribute to Canada's 10th province through the medium of striking photographs and an empathetic text by the husband and wife team of Yva Momatiuk and John Eastcott.**

As tributes go, it's pretty well unsurpassed.

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Bird watchers who spend a lot of time and money travelling around the country should be in possession of Adrian Forsyth's book, *The Nature of Birds (Firefly, $19.95)*.

One of North America's leading natural history writers, Forsyth raises a reader's interest in the fate of the earth's birds and gives an intimate understanding of their place in the global environment.

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The Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, scheduled to open next July, has a first-rate collection of artifacts spanning the spectrum from folk art and clothing to pop memorabilia and wood carvings.

Treasures (Firefly, $29.95) is a photographic journey highlighting what a visitor can expect to see there. The exhibits are visually exciting, and this book whets your appreciation for them.

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Tourism a year-round affair at Banff

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

BANFF, Alta. —

In this oldest of Canada's national parks, inaugurated in 1885, tourism never stops. In summer it is for the scenery, wild life and hiking — in winter it is for skiing, both downhill and cross-country. And many of the accommodations which are open in summer, are now also open in winter to take care of the sports-minded.

Skiers flock to Banff National Park and adjoining Jasper National Park, where there are numerous developed ski areas with ski lifts and groomed ski trails. Skiers also come to the national parks in adjacent British Columbia province, Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Yoho and Kootenay. In all of them the scenery is spectacular with snowcapped mountains always in view, roads—and trails alongside ice-cold lakes and rivers, heavily wooded forests and often with big game animals to be seen at a distance.

In Banff National Park, 85 miles (137 kilometres) west of Calgary, the main ski areas are Sunshine Valley, Mount Norquay and Lake Louise. Sunshine Valley has a variety of ski lifts — T-bar, chair and gondola lifts. The enclosed gondola lift will take you in 20 minutes from the parking lot to the ski areas, some 7,000 feet (2,134 metres) higher. Other ski lifts will also lift you, in a bit less comfort, but with plenty of scenery to look at above and below, to other mountain tops or above the terminus of the gondola lift.

At beautiful Lake Louise, skiing is of more recent origin. The lake is 34 miles (54 km) north of Banff. There are 34 ski runs on three mountains near the lake, Whitehorn, Ptarmigan and Temple. In the area is a vast skiing terrain of open slope, bowl and forested timberline runs.

In Jasper National Park, 149 miles (240 km) north of Banff and 231 miles (371 km) west of Edmonton, the main ski area is Marmot Basin. Here there are T-bar and chair lifts with 25 runs above and below the mountain tree line. This is an area mainly for expert downhill skiers. The Marmot Basin has an annual average snowfall of 250 inches (635 centimetres).

Not within the Banff and Jasper National Parks, but close to Calgary, are the ski slopes developed in the Kananaskis Country, used during the 1988 Winter Olympic Games.

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Business Outlook

What she always wanted to do

Special event planner fulfils dream

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
When she was a teenager, Susan Ellen Ginsberg's father would ask her, "Susie, what are you going to do with your life."

Now 33, Ginsberg is doing just what she always wanted to do — plan and stage special events. The self-employed, freelance special-events planner, who operates The Special Event (486-6106), plans and presents fund raisers, product launchings, show cases, open houses, award dinners, grand openings, sales meetings and a myriad of other parties and galas.

A graduate of York University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology, Ginsberg worked in advertising and public relations. She was offered a 3-month contract to coordinate a fund-raising event and, after a few days, she says, she found her niche.

"Somewhere intrinsically, I knew how to put together a special event that didn't cost a lot, but looked as though it did. I was able to create enthusiasm on the part of the participants and the guests, and the fund-raising event met its objectives.

Ginsberg says she found it was "effortless" to organize this project and she began working for organizations and consulting firms, researching and presenting other successful events.

Susan Ginsberg

"I always wanted to be my own boss but I had some doubts. I didn't think it was possible to do what I really enjoyed doing most, and that I would get paid for it."

It was her husband's example that paved the way for her.

"My husband decided to fulfil his dream — to open Maxies, a hamburger spot on Eglinton Ave. West — a location that he had admired for many years.

"Watching his commitment and persistence in fulfilling his dream and making it a reality, inspired me to pursue my own childhood dream."

Ginsberg began actively puusuing clients, had cards and stationary printed and The Special Event was launched. Her efforts were rewarded — soon her clients included Burson-Marsteller, Pegasus Communications, Southex Exhibitions, Brampton Brick, Freedman & Associates, York Community Services, the Canadian Volleyball Association as well as fund-raising organizations and schools.

The bubbly entrepreneur says that a special event has the advantage of being more believable and convincing than any other form of communication. It provides an opportunity to improve relationships, develop understanding and strengthen support through increased effort and financial contributions.

"Special events and the accompanying media publicity are public-relations methods by which a group can show its public visually, first hand, how it operates, how it obtained its stature, what it does and its reasons for being in business."

Ginsberg says her formula for success includes commitment and persistence.

"It is important to visualize what you want to accomplish on a daily basis, to be able to identify what attitudes and beliefs get in the way of achieving goals and changing them, and to develop self- confidence," she said. "In a way, my work is like creating a party, but it's much more involved."

Her services include, devising a master plan for a special event and drawing up calendars, schedules and meetings, compiling media and guest lists, writing copy and designing invitations, planning location, room layout, seating, menu, theme, entertainment, media contacts and numerous other tasks that lead to the perfect event.

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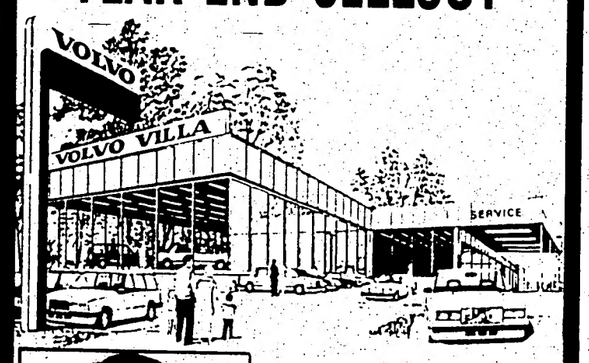

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Business Outlook

Uncertainty in business transactions

Tax avoidance rules open new era

Tax News

By
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On Sept. 13, 1988 the world as we know it came to a crashing end. Perhaps this statement is a little melodramatic, but it does emphasise that we have entered into a new era in Canada, at least for income tax purposes.

On that date, Bill C-139, the legislation to implement tax reform, received Royal Assent. The result was that the proposals, first introduced in June 1987, finally became law.

Tax reform will undoubtedly have a significant impact on most taxpayers. Whether the net result is positive or negative will depend on each taxpayer's individual circumstances.

One change, which has been the subject of considerable criticism and discussion in professional circles, has not received the attention it deserves from taxpayers. Interestingly, this change could ultimately have the most profound impact on taxpayers. While not currently a household word, it is only a matter of time before the phrase "GAAR" (general anti-avoidance rule) becomes part of our everyday vocabulary.

Over the years, the government has introduced a wide variety of specific anti-avoidance rules. These were meant to deal with certain perceived abuses of various income tax sections. Notwithstanding these rules, the government contend that sophisticated tax-planners continued to devise ingenius ways to circumvent existing legislation. For the most part, the courts compounded the problem for Revenue Canada, often siding with taxpayers. GAAR is an attempt to put a halt to this trend.

GAAR is an overriding anti-avoidance provision that is structured to be applicable to any transaction that offends the spirit of any legislation in the Income Tax Act. Accordingly, some of the existing specific anti-avoidance measures have been scrapped as a result of the pervasiveness of GAAR.

GAAR may be applied to an "avoidance transaction" entered into after Sept. 12, 1988, other than if it is part of a series of transactions that began before Sept. 13, 1988 and the series of transactions is completed before 1989.

An "avoidance transaction" is defined as any transaction resulting directly or indirectly in a tax benefit, unless the transaction may reasonably be considered to have been undertaken or arranged primarily for bona fide purposes, other than to obtain the tax benefit.

Avoidance transactions may include any transaction in a series of transactions. Revenue Canada in examining a series of transactions will be particularly alert for additional "step" transactions which appear to be instituted solely for tax purposes. Transactions will escape the net of being classified as avoidance transactions if they were undertaken or arranged for other than tax objectives. Therefore, transactions undertaken exclusively for business or family purposes should generally (and hopefully) not be caught. The reduction or deferral of tax will not be considered a legitimate business purpose.

If it is determined that GAAR is applicable to a specific transaction, the legal aspects of the transaction will be unaffected but the tax consequence will be altered to effect what Revenue Canada deems to be reasonable in the circumstances.

- Deductions may be allowed or disallowed in whole or in part.
- Any deductions, income or loss may be allocated in whole or in part to any other person.
- The nature of any payment or other amount may be recharacterized.
- The tax effects of the application of other provisions of the Income Tax Act may be ignored.

Adjustments resulting from the application of GAAR will generally be made by assessment or reassessment. The taxpayer will have a large burden to provide evidence that an assessment applying GAAR is inappropriate.

Revenue Canada may also require to make certain adjustments, such as adjustments to the capital cost of depreciable property or to the paid-up capital of shares, prior to the taxation year in which such adjustments would have any tax consequences.

Revenue Canada will provide written rulings on the application of GAAR for specific transactions. However, ruling requests generally add considerable time and expenses to a contemplated transaction. Without a ruling, the level of assurance that can be provided by tax professionals in certain transactions will be greatly diminished.

Revenue Canada's concerns in the area of tax avoidance now have been unduly shifted to the taxpayer. GAAR now will breed considerable uncertainty in many transactions. This additional uncertainty only compounds the hardships already faced by most businesses. It will take many years for GAAR to work its way through our tax system and the courts, which will only prolong this uncertainty.

Canadians have generally taken for granted that taxpayers have a right to structure their affairs to attract the minimum amount of tax. With the introduction of GAAR, this may no longer be the case.

Taxpayers, who in the future are faced with the threat of GAAR, might best sum up their feelings in one word: "GAAR-bage."

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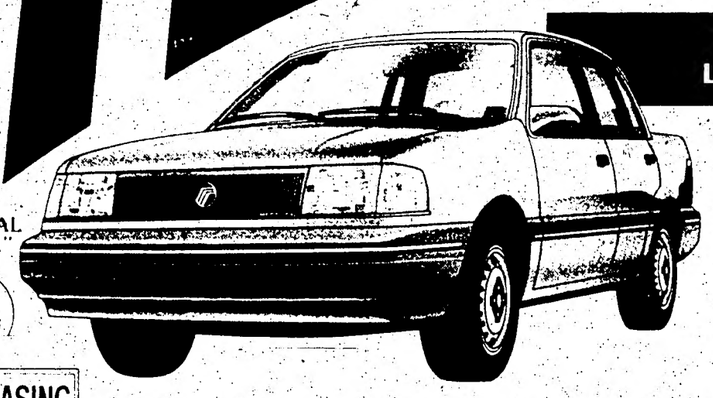
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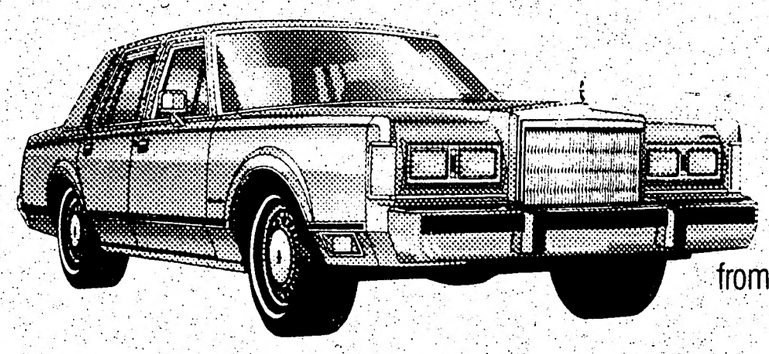
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Subsidies provide for job retraining for those over 45

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A new program called Transitions, offered by the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development, can provide unemployed men and women who are 45 or over with up to $5,000 worth of training credits.

For people like Joan Fuller, who woke up one day and found herself, a mature person, looking for a second career, the program offered her an opportunity that led to retraining and a well-paying position, says Charles Wagner, associate dean of Success Business College which trains people for the legal secretarial field.

When Fuller, who had no patience or the time to enrol in a community college for a 2-year program, visited the college at 20 Eglinton Ave. East, Suite 201, she discovered that she could take a legal secretarial training program designed and taught by lawyers.

In a 17-week course, she attended classes half a day and had an opportunity to work half a day in a law office. The course includes fundamentals about wills, estates, corporate law, real estate law and litigation.

Fuller was eligible for a Transitions subsidy which paid her tuition at the college as well as her training at the law office of Jerry Favish, a well-known Toronto real estate and commercial lawyer.

"I felt that the precedents that Joan brought from the college helped the entire office," said Favish, who was so pleased with this student, that he hired her when she graduated. "She helped train the other legal secretaries I already had on staff."

Garry Seidenfeld, a lawyer and dean of the college announced that lawyers Lori Ferman-Disenhouse and Naomi Jacobs have joined the college's teaching staff.

"Lori brings an extensive academic background to the College. Her experience as a lecturer made even the Wills and Estate course come alive," Wagner said.

He notes that Jacobs is a past president of the North American Jewish Students' Federation and helped formulate that organization's presentation to the Deschenes Commission inquiry into Nazi war criminals in Canada.

"Lori and Naomi are both lawyers who combine a family and a career in law," Seidenfeld said. "They are a great asset to our program of helping mature students upgrade their skills and obtain employment."

Ferman-Disenhouse says that people are sometimes afraid to go back to school when they are in their 40s and 50s.

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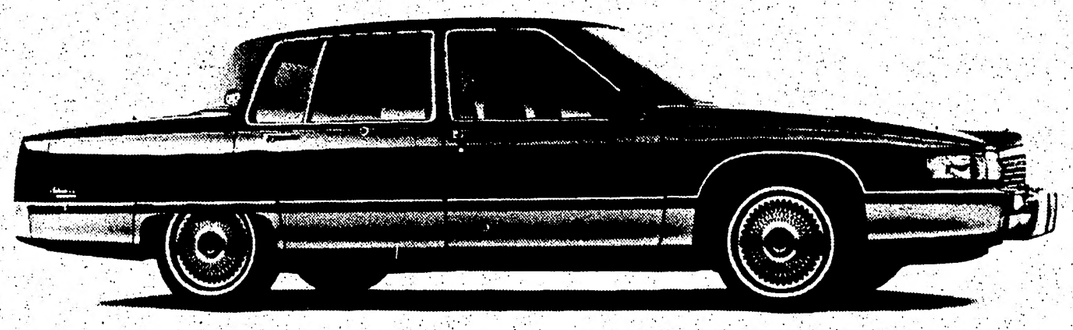
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12 Apartments For Rent

Bathurst/Finch - Bachelor, fully furnished, non-smoker, TTC, suitable student, York University. 665-4095.

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12 Apartments For Rent

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17 Florida Property For Rent

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19 Florida Property For Rent/Sale

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28 Announcements

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30 Articles For Sale

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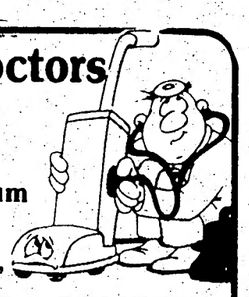

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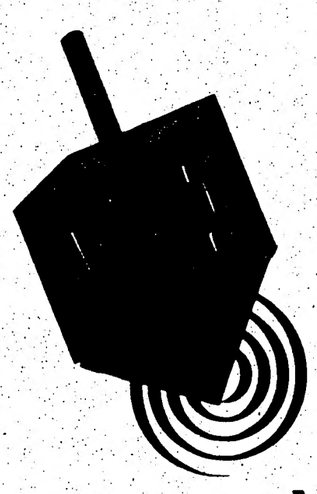

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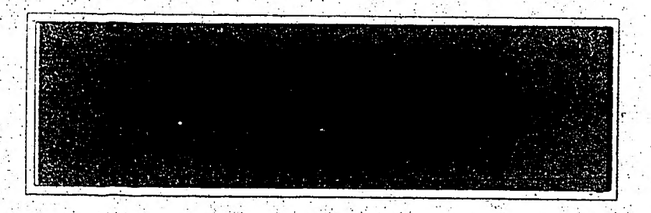

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Grosses find their niche in "cottage industry"

Canadian couple buttons down dream in Israel

By
ED FEUER

TORONTO —

You might say Yermiahu and Chaya Gross were right on the button when the Canadian couple were looking for a livelihood in Israel.

Their Jerusalem Buttons company makes products with such slogans as Am Yisrael Chai, Shalom, and Debar Ivrit (Speak Hebrew). A button they made for the Jerusalem Film Festival has a slogan reading "We had the Ten Commandments before Cecil B. de Mille."

Another, made for the World Union of Jewish Students, has "Assimilation" in English and "Hitbollalut" in Hebrew crossed through in the non-smoking style.

The Grosses, who were in Toronto recently, are among those North American baalei teshuva who came to Israel in the last 10 years and had the tenacity to stay despite the slings and arrows of life that face new olim and despite memories of what they left behind.

Yermiahu (Jeff) and Chaya (Helen) made aliya in the summer of 1982 and found their niche in an endeavour — "something of a cottage industry" — that met their criteria for a business while allowing flexibility for the type of life they preferred.

"We didn't want a tremendous investment because we had bought a home (in Jerusalem's northern suburb of Ramot) and a car," says Chaya (nee Fridman) of Montreal. "We wanted to be capitalists and self-supporting and we were and still are willing to work hard."

Now they are making a living from their work although there are busier and slower seasons "but we can't complain" and the business allows them the luxury of an unconventional lifestyle.

"Yermiahu can now learn in yeshiva daily in the mornings and I can stay at home with our son," says Chaya, a former social worker who once worked for the Jewish Centre in Calgary.

"It also allows us to share responsibilities for home and family together as opposed to a regular 9-5 job. We work from home so when we're busy we work longer hours and we don't have the overhead of an office, etcetera."

How Yermiahu (a history major from Saskatoon) began was something of a coincidence. Chaya had "gotten stuck" on the button business and was trying to figure out where to get machinery and supplies.

"During this period we were taking an ulpan at the Hebrew University and Yermiahu became convinced also when he discovered a brochure on his desk at the university which read, How to Start your own Button Business. We read it and began."

The machinery and supplies would have to be brought in from England, a process that did not go smoothly in the beginning. "Importing is not simple in this country but we are learning all the time," says Yermiahu, adding that an important lesson was to be sure to get import brokers, accountants and bank managers who are reliable and efficient.

Their fledgling enterprise was not unique and they did have competition. "However, we provide service and that's a relatively new concept here," Yermiahu states. "Also presently we are almost exclusively buttons whereas most companies carry buttons among a tremendous variety of promotional items."

The Grosses subcontract for many of these businesses that range from advertising firms and graphics studios to T-shirt shops. "Our minimum order is 1,000 buttons so we deal mainly with conference organizers, conventions and festivals," he says.

The answer to the question of why they came to Israel reveals their belief that staying in the Diaspora would mean living with contradictions.

"We made aliya because for Yermiahu it was a lifelong dream and for my self it was just a rational outgrowth of my return to Judaism and an Orthodox lifestyle," says Chaya. "It seemed to me that the Diaspora was meant to be a temporary state for the Jewish people."

Yes, she says, it is true that there are more "conveniences" in such places as Montreal, Toronto and New York but for them, being Jewish and living in Israel are inseparable.

"We pray for the rebuilding of Jerusalem, and the seasons and holidays are all related to the Land of Israel and the Mashiach is to arrive here in Jerusalem. It's with this consciousness that we live here and cannot imagine living anywhere else."

Living away from their families in Canada is "extremely difficult" and even more so now that they have a child, "our first generation Yerushalmi" — 1½-year-old Moshe Yehoshua. "But even so, here we believe we are building the future and the continuity and fulfilment of Jewish history.

"Israel is the centre stage and although most Jews haven't come to understand this, it's inevitable that in time they all will." Chaya and Yermiahu, who has served in the army and continues to do periods of reserve duty, "feel privileged" to be in Israel.

"It's not easy, it's almost never easy, but it's enriching and fulfilling every day," says Chaya. "It's just simply natural here to be a Jew and it feels right. What more can I say? I often think what my grandparents would have said had they known that we would live in Jerusalem. I think they would have been very pleased."

The Grosses advice to perspective olim who want to start their own business is not to jump into anything quickly. "Come here and get settled somewhat. Learn about the mentality and talk to a lot of people in a research phase.

"Then," says Yermiahu, "move slowly and get the best lawyer, accountant and bank manager." They are not too pleased with the government programs to help olim start their own businesses, saying, "Get as little advice from official channels and as much as you can from reliable sources.

"Feel free to call us and we'd be happy to direct you to reliable sources once you are here," Yermiahu adds. "The key is get here already."

The Grosses say they'd be happy to fill orders anywhere in the world. For further information, contact Jerusalem Buttons, PO Box 23378, Jerusalem 91233; phone 02-862-142.

Yermiahu and Chaya Gross, with their son Moshe Yehoshua, have developed a business that allows them the luxury of an unconventional lifestyle.

Chanukah Greetings

Children in Israel kindergarten celebrate Chanukah

Chanukah most of all is the story of courage

By
RABBI
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TORONTO — The story of Chanukah is the story of defending freedom of religion from the efforts of people who were determined to impose their culture and their way of life upon the Jews.

Most of all, the story of Chanukah is a story of courage. This courage is first reflected by Maccabees 1:3 which proclaims, "Though all the nations that are under the King's dominion obey him and fall away everyone from the religion of their fathers, yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers."

The world has, at its best moments, accepted this Maccabean challenge as a sign that Chanukah represents the first effort of a people to defend their right to maintain their own culture, their own faith, their own way of life. Had we been less than courageous in that respect, Judaism might have been destroyed, and Christianity never been born.

Courage is a very rare commodity and appears only when there is a challenge. Courage is manifest when there is adversity and opposition. Courage is necessary when there is derision.

We live in a time when courage faces these challenges. To be a Jew today is very difficult. Not because the circumstances of observance are difficult. In many ways those have been made easier by some of the advances made in the preparation of dietary foods, the ability to observe the Sabbath, and some of the other former obstacles which are not quite so apparent.

The difficulty of being a courageous Jew today comes from the spirit of our time. How does one overcome the isolation which Israel feels in a world of enemies. How does one face neighbors who apparently have forgotten professions of love and ecumenicism. How does one go about holding aloft the torch of freedom and democracy when so many signs of corruption are at every hand.

We don't face the same concerns that the Hasmoneans did. We don't face the battlefront dangers that Israelis do. Yet we need courage in a more subtle way. We need courage that comes from going along our own path, following our own direction.

We need courage because we had come to think of anti-semitism as abated. We had begun to think of community relations agencies as unnecessary because the world had become better.

Along with this need for courage goes glorification of the little light of the chanukiah. There was tremendous wisdom in the act of our sages to keep the symbol of the eternal light of the Temple of old in our present-day synagogues. It is not a big light; it does not throw a great amount of illumination.

But it is that symbol, like the single vial of oil which the Maccabees found when they reentered the temple, which reminds us that our dedication can help to win the day. Size and candlepower are not the determinants. Purity is.

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British Jew helps put humor into life of Israel

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Julian Joy-Chagrin has achieved international fame via an unusual route. A comedian, actor and mime artist, he also wrote and directed the Israel-produced television series The Orchestra, which has been screened in dozens of countries and hailed as one of the funniest and cleverest comedies of the decade.

Eleven years ago when Chagrin was a rising young star of stage and screen, he left England and the opportunities offered by his native London, not to go west to America as so many aspiring artists do, but east to the less fashionable destination of Tel Aviv.

Despite his eloquence, Chagrin finds it difficult to explain why he lives in Israel. "I came here on vacation and just didn't go home again," he recalls. "A friend persuaded me to stay to perform my show in the Jerusalem Festival, and after that offers of work poured in so I just didn't leave."

Tall and well built, with the polite manners of the provincial English gentleman, Chagrin has a cynical and dry humor. He is an individualist who was never attracted by Zionist movements and ideology and has little patience for sentimental talk about Jewish culture. He presents his reasons for living in Israel in terms of pragmatic advancement and self interest.

Chagrin can speak only basic Hebrew, though he does have an Israeli wife. He met Rolanda, who acts alongside Chagrin and Israeli comedian Sefi Rivlin in The Orchestra, seven years ago while a drama student at Tel Aviv University, and they married four years later. Chagrin has three children by his first marriage, two of whom live in Israel.

Rolanda insists that beneath Chagrin's cynical English surface is a man who is much more Jewish than he cares to admit. For her Israel is home and she would be loathe to leave, unless her husband's work took her abroad.

Like so many new immigrants Chagrin has a love-hate relationship with Israeli culture. He thrives on the daily tensions of Israeli life, which he feels feed his artistic creativity. His own name, Joy-Chagrin, suggests contradictory feelings. His Romanian-born father Alexander Pauker, changed his name to Chagrin (sadness in French) after his first wife (not Julian's mother) left him. Chagrin recently added Joy to his name to balance the sadness.

Chagrin studied pantomime in Paris under the legendary Lecoq. His childhood idols were Buster Keaton, W. C. Fields and the Marx Brothers. He was later privileged to work with John Cleese, Spike Milligan and other top British comedians.

He made a name for himself as a mime artist in England, starring in the movie Blow Up and was particularly in demand for advertisements. Among his most famous television appearance was a series of ads for Hamlet cigars in which he played a character crushed by life who sought consolation in his cigars.

But Chagrin always sought fame as a more serious, albeit comic actor and the 10-part TV series The Orchestra was the culmination of the ambition. The series won the Golden Rose of Montreux Award in 1985, the most prestigious prize awarded by the entertainment industry in Europe each year, and has been broadcast on every continent.

Chagrin conducts the orchestra in the series, stepping as it were into his father's shoes, for his father was a conductor, and this explains Chagrin's intimate and specialist knowledge of music. "A conductor is the ultimate authority," he says, "and it appeals to everyone to see a conductor losing control."

Thus simple scenes, like a bee pestering the conductor, have enormous universal appeal. Chagrin is proud that he has fans of all ages, classes and nationalities. The fact that the series is based on silent comedy makes it more accessible to international audiences. Though his humor comes over as good-natured fun, Chagrin insists that anger and fear motivate his comic

Julian Joy-Chagrin

writing — fear of bureaucracy, authority and, yes, his father, not to mention his mother, he adds.

He considers Israelis to be inhibited and lacking in humor. "Maybe Jews have been suffering for so long that we've forgotten how to laugh," he says. Nevertheless, in the 11 years in which he has lived in Israel he has seen an appreciable improvement in the quality of humor in the country.

"I think that the success of my series," he observes, "has played a part in this process. It has given local people confidence and encouragement to see that an Israeli-made comedy can command international audiences. Many Israelis refused to believe that the programs were made here until they saw the credits at the end."

Together with Rolanda and several colleagues, Chagrin recently completed a 6-month tour of Australia and is currently rehearsing for a new show of comic sketches to take around Israel. The show includes sketches that audiences can easily sympathize with. One such sketch is about a man in a restaurant who cannot attract the waiter's attention. Such simple situations offer Chagrin enormous scope for his many talents.

"We often improvize," he says, "especially in Israel where audiences are diverse. If we get good feedback from the audience, it gives us enormous energy."

And judging by the feedback generated from The Orchestra, Chagrin will have the energy to produce much more to make us laugh in the coming years.

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On a visit to a Bedouin encampment, participants in the Yachdav 88 mission jokingly put on headdresses before drinking coffee Bedouin-style.

Israel study mission popular

Supporters express solidarity

By SHIMON BEN-NOACH

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— In the wake of the Arab uprising, less Jews are visiting Israel at present than in previous years. However, the country's most loyal supporters are expressing their solidarity in these difficult times and are coming in larger numbers than before.

The Yachdav 88 Study Mission, an international gathering of young leadership, for example, brought 350 delegates to Israel during August. The week-long program was organized by Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal, the umbrella body that coordinates fund raising campaigns for Israel throughout the world (except in the United States) and channels donations through to the Jewish Agency.

The Yachdav mission focused on Jewish Agency activities such as Project Renewal, and other highlights included meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, former cabinet minister Yosef Burg, Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz and experts who briefed participants on the intifada and the political climate prior to the then-upcoming elections.

Participants came from throughout Western Europe, Latin America, North America, South Africa and Australia. They included many people like Cyril and Carla Levin from Johannesburg, who had visited Israel a dozen times on privately arranged vacations, though this was their first study mission.

"The Yachdav mission enabled me to see Israel from new angles," explained Cyril Levin. "It offered opportunities and insights that a private visit cannot give you. We met with leaders and experts and visited institutions and places that showed us the mechanisms that make Israel tick. The overall experience has strongly reinforced my Zionist convictions and support for Israel."

From speaking to delegates one gets the impression that more people are participating in study missions because of the unrest, not in spite of the Arab uprising. Keren Hayesod has organized 32 missions over the past year bringing 1,800 people to Israel, compared to 22 missions during the previous year which had 1,445 delegates.

According to Yachdav mission participant Danyael Cantor, Assistant Campaign Director from Montreal, many people signed up to both show support for Israel and try to make some sense about the Arab uprising.

"On the last Yachdav mission," recalls Cantor, "we brought 40 delegates from Montreal, while this time we were 52 strong. I think that makes a statement about how we feel about the present unrest. Among our delegates we have people with many political points of view but we all realize that we cannot rely on the biased, exaggerated and distorted media reports that we are fed.

"We came here to be informed from the source so that we can make up our own minds. What I learned has reinforced my belief that Israel seeks peace."

Perhaps for the same reasons, and as the message reaches the Diaspora the streets of Israel remain as safe as ever despite sensationalized media reports, study missions are becoming increasingly popular. The United Jewish Appeal, the fund raising organization in America, has also recorded an increase in mission participation.

UJA Israel director Naftalie Lavie reports that 7,000 mission delegates have visited Israel in the past year, reflecting an increase of 10%. Study missions of other organizations like Israel Bonds, Hadassah-WIZO and the Jewish National Fund are also on the increase.

But for many mission participants, the intifada was a secondary consideration. "I wanted to find out more about the Jewish Agency," explained Shelley Weiner of Winnipeg. "I wanted to find out what all our donations are spent on. I've been enlightened and I'm impressed."

The itinerary included visits to absorption centers, youth aliya villages, new settlements, educational establishments, Project Renewal neighborhoods and other programs that receive funding from the Jewish Agency's $400 million per year budget.

Delegates also visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, the Western Wall, a Bedouin encampment, and an IDF military base. Most of the time they were based in Jerusalem but there were also overnight stays in Eilat, the Dead Sea and Tel Aviv.

It should be noted that these missions are no relaxing vacation. After an early breakfast (at seven or eight) activities are scheduled throughout the day until the evening. Of course attendance at events is not compulsory and participants may choose to miss a session.

Some missions, like the Yachdav gathering, are partially subsidized by Keren Hayesod. Nevertheless, they are still expensive and can cost from $1,000 to $2,000 per person for a week depending on how far the delegate has to fly to Israel. This fee includes air fare, hotel accomodation (in Jerusalem delegates stayed at the newly opened Hyatt Regency on Mount Scopus), food, transport, tour guides and speakers' fees.

A final catch is that participants must pledge donations to Israel. The minimum pledge on the Yachdav mission was $900 but in the event most delegates were inspired by what they saw and upped their donations to considerably larger sums — a fact appreciated by Israelis, not just because of the money, but also for the vote of confidence it offers at a time when Israel needs all the support it can get.

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Chanukah Greetings

Lights best symbolize Chanukah's message

By
DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Chanukah is one of the loveliest festivals celebrated in Israel. The oppressive heat of the summer is over and, as evening approaches, the lights from menorahs are burning on myriad windowsills like diamonds gleaming on black velvet. Voices are raised in song as the candles are being lit . . . "Maoz Tsur" — O Fortress, rock of my salvation. Unto thee it is fitting to give praise . . .

Light is the main characteristic of the 8-day festival, and light has great significance in Judaism. In the Talmud (Brachot 17A) we pray: "Lord, may it be Thy will to place us on the side of light" and we are told in the mystic Tikkunei Zohar 13c: "There is a palace of light that opens only to him who occupies himself with the light of Torah."

Candles have a major role as ceremonial objects. Almost every Jewish celebration incorporates the use of candles at some point and fire is universally recognized as one of the basic elements of the world — mysterious, frightening, even mesmerizing.

In the Kabbalah, the book of mysticism, the image of a multicolored flame emanating from a candle is taken as a metaphor for God's relation to the world and man. The flame adheres to it, relies on it and seems to emanate from the candle, yet it is a distinct and separate entity. The blue centre of the flame remains constant, but the outside is always in motion and changes color. Our tradition of incorporating the lighting of candles in a celebratory way enhances the natural power and mystique of fire.

At Chanukah, we light either small multicolored wax candles or oil lamps. The accepted custom is to increase the number from one to eight as the festival progresses. There was a talmudic dispute and an opinion was ventured that we should begin with eight candles, decreasing by one each night, but it was overruled as we should be constantly increasing joy and light in the world.

We place candles in the menorah beginning from the right side and moving to the left with each day of the festival, although we light them from left to right.

The kindling begins with lighting the shammash or "beadle" — an extra candle used to kindle the others, and the recitation of two blessings:

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights."

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our fathers in days of old at this season."

Interestingly enough, Chanukah is the only important Jewish festival that is not mentioned in the Bible. It begins on the 25th of Kislev to commemorate the victory of Judah the Maccabee and his followers over the forces of the Syrian king, Antiochus IV, and the rededication of the defiled Temple in Jerusalem in 165 BCE.

Hebraism over Hellenism

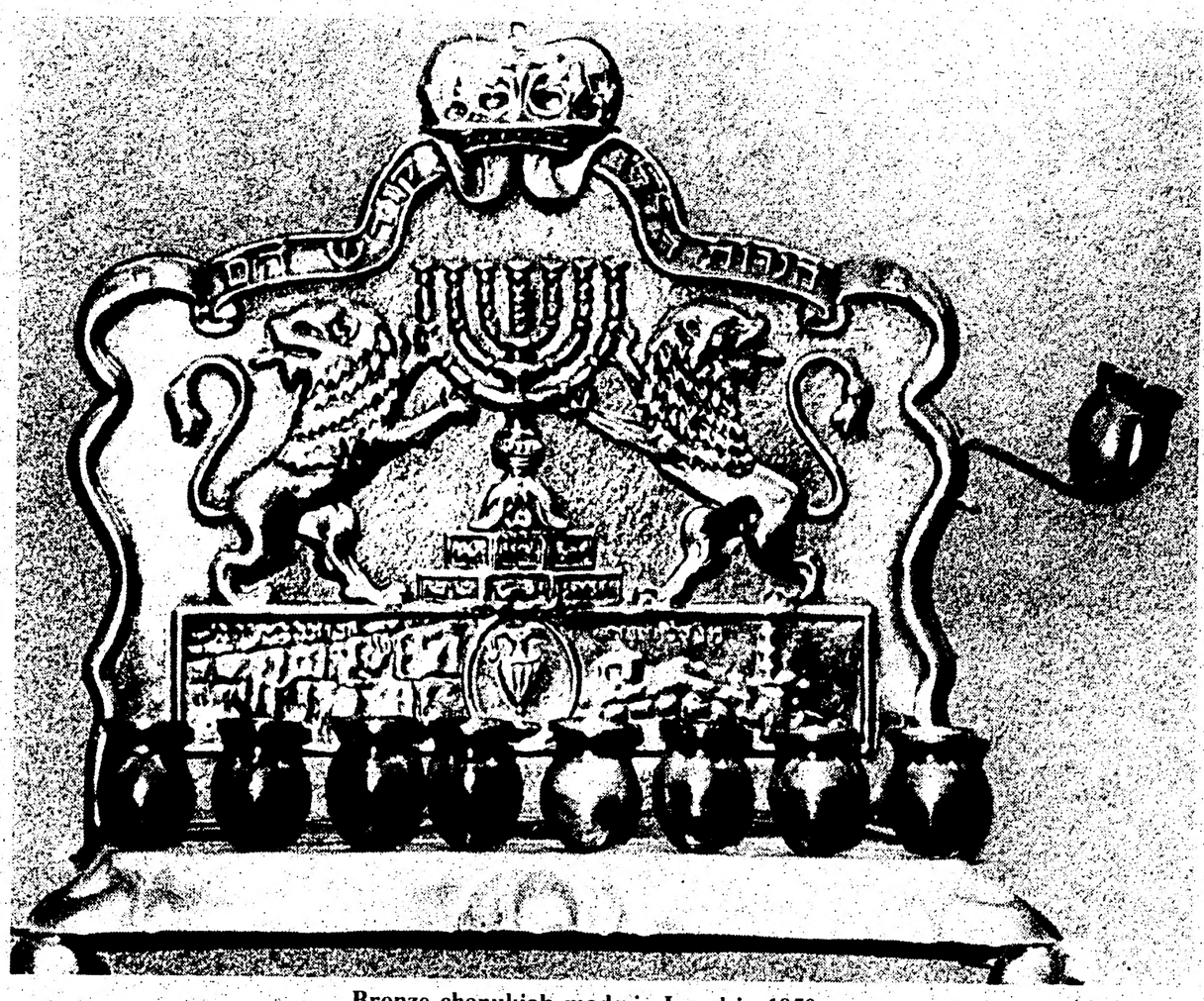
The central theme is the victory of Hebraism over Hellenism — that is, Jewish over Greek values. It is a festival of liberty, celebrating not only the independence of one people, but the right to freedom of all peoples.

The only religious ceremony involved is the nightly kindling of lights and a brief statement in Hebrew that the ceremony commemorates "the miracles, deliverance, deeds of power and acts of salvation" wrought by God at this season, and that the lights are not to be used for any utilitarian purpose — "they are only to be seen."

Even though the story appears in the Book of the Maccabees, the lights are not mentioned. Some scholars believe that they were an adaptation of a prevailing custom at the time of lighting fires at the winter solstice when the sun is farthest from the equator.

However, no matter what their origin, the Chanukah lights are a most fitting symbol of the festival's real message. They represent the Temple candelabrum which Judah and his followers had rekindled as a symbol of rededication.

At Chanukah, we commemorate the miracle of the cruse of oil which lasted eight days instead of one. Its symbol is light and it is written in Talmud Shabbat 122a: "a light for one is a light for a hundred." So when the tiny candles burn on Jerusalem windowsills, they give joy not only to the household but to passing strangers who see them as a beacon of hope on a dark, wintry night.



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Key to better quality of life, says Sheetrit

New Jewish Agency treasurer stresses education

By
SIMON GRIVER

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— Many eyebrows were raised earlier this year when Meir Sheetrit became treasurer of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization. After all, it was remembered that the Likud Knesset member, known as a radical young firebrand, had once recommended that the Jewish Agency be closed down.

Meir Sheetrit

However, in an interview with the WZPS, Sheetrit insisted that his criticism of the Jewish Agency had been quoted out of context. "What I actually said," he recalled, "was that the Jewish Agency should be closed down if it did not change its goals. That's why I took on the job — to change those goals.

Sheetrit sees the Jewish Agency's role as raising the quality of life in Israel, thus attracting more immigrants while decreasing yerida. "And the key to a better quality of life is better education," he asserts.

"Education is our priority. We must channel more funds into education in Israel, and plough more back into the Diaspora for Jewish and Zionist education. This will also undermine the libel that we are a 'schnorrer' state."

"Within Israel," he continues, "the Jewish Agency can take the lead by initiating a nationwide program of afternoon education in the schools. At present school finishes at noon. Funds for additional education are desperately needed, especially in the poor neighborhoods where parents cannot afford extra lessons for their children. Extra curricular activities on the importance of democracy, civic pride and politeness can be devised.

Sheetrit feels that at least $100 million must be allocated to this cause. His ideas, he claims, have been enthusiastically received by members of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors with whom he has spoken.

If sheer energy and persuasive charm can change the Jewish Agency, then Sheetrit is the man for the job. At 41, he retains the brash confidence that made him the grass roots, rebellious leader of a depressed development town in the early 70s. In fact he looks considerably younger than 41; with baby face looks, he is the youngest of nine children of a Moroccan family that immigrated to Israel in 1957.

Sheetrit talks ambitiously and his list of achievements proves that he can translate talk into deeds. Elected as mayor of Yavne in 1974 as a Likud candidate, he succeeded in radically transforming the town from a neglected backwater into a prosperous settlement.

Realizing that a newly built highway would change Yavne into an outer suburb of Tel Aviv, he established a large "build your own home" villa section and a thriving industrial park which altered the entire image of the town. He stepped down as mayor in 1987 after the town was granted city status.

Meanwhile, Sheetrit had been elected to the Knesset in 1981 and reelected in 1984. Considered one of the Likud's brightest young talents, he was asked by former defence minister Moshe Arens to take on the Jewish Agency job after previous Likud candidates had been rejected by the overseas philanthropists on the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

Though Sheetrit is streetwise he is also something of an intellectual. He supplemented his BSc in microbiology and biochemistry from Bar-Ilan University, with a BA in political science and an MA in public administration which he has just received from Bar-Ilan.

"I had hoped to be a cabinet minister," he said, "if the Likud wins the upcoming elections. But I was prepared to sacrifice that opportunity because I see this task as equally exciting and challenging."

Sheetrit will not be drawn into specifics about the kind of changes he envisages, claiming he has not been in the job long enough to reach conclusions. Clearly, if $100 million is to be found for afternoon education, and more money for Disapora education, then cuts must be made elsewhere.

"The Jewish Agency and the WZO must be catalysts for change. I sense that their relationship must be changed, though I am not yet sure if that means separating or unifying them or merely altering the status quo."

Sheetrit advocates bringing more Diaspora Zionists into the Jewish lay leadership abroad. "We should be more frank with each other about aliya," he says. "If a Diaspora Zionist does not intend making aliya he should say so. There is plenty that can be done abroad to help Israel, like investing in our economy or influencing foreign governments' policies."

Nevertheless, he stresses that aliya is the lifeblood of Israel. He has no time for Diaspora Jews who complain from afar about Israel's bureaucracy. "Let them come here and change things," he says. "If two million Jews came here from America then Israel would be run more like America."

Sheetrit both agrees and disagrees with Diaspora criticism that the Jewish Agency is too politicized. "It is difficult to divorce politics from the issues confronting the Jewish Agency and the Zionist movement," he explains.

"Israel and the Jewish people are highly politicized. But once a politician is elected to a post within the Jewish Agency he must leave his politics behind him and fulfil his role with the best interests of Israel and the Jewish people in mind. Maybe that has not always been the case."

Sheetrit is determined to make an impact on the Jewish Agency and WZO. In order to devote his full energies to his new job he did not stand for last month's Knesset elections. But if he sees that his ideas are falling on deaf ears then he says he will resign and return to the wider political sphere.

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Exciting Chanukah recipes to brighten holiday meals

New Jewish cookbooks promise culinary adventures

By
ROSE KLEINER
TORONTO —

Jewish cooking continues to inspire a steady stream of new cookbooks each year. Often these books promise new culinary adventures even for the experienced cook. A case in point are the Chanukah recipes found in two of the new volumes on the market this fall.

The Gourmet Jewish Cook (William Morrow and Co.), by Judy Zeidler, dedicates 25 pages to the cuisine of Chanukah. The classic potato latkes are mentioned only at the end. Most of the chapter is taken up with other exciting recipes for brightening Chanukah meals.

The chapter proposes several different Chanukah dinner menus. Along with the brisket dishes and marinated zucchini there are such Chanukah specialties as Romanian noodle latkes.

The Nouvelle Chanukah Dinner menu has another flavor altogether. Here one serves lettuce bouquet salad with fried parsnip chips, and the potato pancakes come with grilled fresh tuna. The chapter also gives a recipe for making chocolate Chanukah gelt.

Among the "old latke recipes" are cheese latkes with port wine sauce, and apple dessert latkes. Other Chanukah treats in this easy-to-follow book are salmon latkes and sesame potato latkes.

The Gourmet Jewish Cook has a number of other excellent sections, which make this a handy cookbook year round. The chapter on Making the Sabbath Special deserves particular attention.

The author presents several menus to enhance this meal. A recipe for the centuries-old cholent dish is part of the Sabbath Cholent Dinner menu. Another traditional touch comes from the potato challah recipe, which originated in Eastern Europe. The meal ends with a recipe for a modern dessert, macadamia nut tart.

A more adventurous approach is found in the book's Festive Sabbath Dinner menu. Here the challah is made with whole wheat bread, with the addition of grated carrots. Instead of chopped liver, there is pickled tongue pate. The roast chicken comes with a zucchini stuffing, and an apple-spinach salad.

Each chapter in this book ends with a number of 'bonus recipes.' The chapter on Sabbath meals has recipes for both a Hungarian and Moroccan cholent in the bonus section. Two additional challah recipes are also mentioned there. One is apple-filled; the other is a low-cholesterol challah.

The book also contains a Step by Step Plan for Entertaining, a Wine Lover's Guide, and menus for special celebrations such as Sunday Brunch, a Father's Day Feast, or a sophisticated Summer Supper.

A group of impressive international menus can be found in the book's section on International Entertaining. Here one finds Brazilian, Scandinavian, Israeli and Mexican dishes.

Another interesting Chanukah recipe section is found in The New Jewish Cuisine, by Evelyn Rose (Robson Books). The traditional latke here is made with grated cheese, which is added to the grated potatoes. Another unusual suggestion for Chanukah is the Swiss rosti dish which, the author states, is nothing more than a 'monster potato latke.' She also gives a recipe for genuine Israeli sufganiyot.

The new cuisine recipes here have been gathered from Jewish kitchens around the world. All recipes adhere to the strictest standards of kashruth. The book has special sections on kashruth observance, and on adapting general recipes for the Jewish kitchen, as well as on checking for kashruth.

There are also tips on how to cut down fats and sugar in many of the traditional recipes. In a chapter called Rescue Operations the author gives suggestions how to survive, or avoid, cooking disasters such as overcooked vegetables, a burnt soup, or a cracked cake.

Another interesting, and easy to follow, volume is the Yemenite Cookbook (Seaver Books) by Zion Levi and Hani Agabria. Attractively decorated with Yemenite motifs, this book is neatly arranged with only one (mostly short) recipe on each page. This makes for easy reading, and leaves space for the cook's comments.

Some of the dishes that are easy to prepare include stuffed grape leaves, oriental chicken liver salad, and potato kubi.

An unusual last chapter in this book deals with Legends and Ancient Medicinal Tips.

For example, a variation on the 'apple a day . . .' advice is the saying in the Zohar (13th century) that 'sweet apples are a remedy for almost every ailment.' A mashed ripe avocado makes a wonderful 30-minute facial.

Garlic, according to an ancient medical tip, is good for treating hardening of the arteries. Parsley mixed with olive oil is a traditional Yemenite cure for kidney stones. Slices of cucumber, after a 15 minute application, bring relief to tired eyelids.

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Wants to keep Judaism alive in his country

Future Turkish Chief Rabbi studies at Yeshiva U

NEW YORK — When 18-year-old Naftali Haleva recently arrived at New York City's Yeshiva University from Istanbul, there was nothing about him to set him apart from his fellow students.

Dressed casually in moccasins, T-shirt, baggy cotton pants and blazer, Naftali looked the same as any other American college student as he stood in line with his duffel bags waiting to be assigned a dormitory room.

But, Naftali is very different. Although Yeshiva University's undergraduate foreign contingent includes students from Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, England, Greece, Israel, Panama, and the Philippines, among other places, virtually no one else can say they are being groomed to someday become the chief rabbi of their country.

"I want to keep Judaism alive in Turkey," said the new student. "It is my mission."

The son of the assistant chief rabbi of Turkey, Naftali has come to the university through the generosity of his country's 23,000-member Jewish community, as well as the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and the University, all of which are sharing the costs of his tuition and upkeep.

"The Jewish community sent me because they need young rabbis," said Naftali. "In all of Turkey, a diploma from America is more respected. If you go to school in America you are thought to be more intelligent."

The desire to have Western-trained, English-speaking rabbis prompted the Jewish Community Council, on which Naftali's father sits, to send the young student to Yeshiva University in preparation for his becoming Turkey's spiritual leader.

But long before Naftali becomes a national religious figure, the freshman will have to get through the same mathematics, history and language courses as does any other student at Yeshiva College — the University's undergraduate division of liberal arts and science for men.

In preparation for his work at Yeshiva University, Naftali studied for a year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

While in New York, he plans to polish his English while earning a Hebrew Teacher's Diploma at the university's Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies. Naftali is also giving serious consideration to majoring in psychology or sociology, a program he feels will assist him in another calling — instilling in children his own deep commitment and love of Judaic studies.

"I want to understand and teach children," said Naftali, who previously taught Jewish studies to 8- and 9-year-olds in Turkey.

Following his graduation from the College, Naftali must begin another 4-year program at Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary or another seminary to earn his rabbinical ordination.

He added that in Istanbul, where 20,000 of the country's Jews live, religious life remains vibrant. There are approximately 300 children enrolled in Jewish studies classes, a large Jewish nursery school, and two Jewish high schools.

There are 12 synagogues in Istanbul and Naftali describes the community as being Orthodox and traditional. Kosher food, matzoh at Passover, prayer books and other religious items are readily available.

Turkish Jews can trace their roots back some 500 years to Spain when they fled the Inquisition. Although overwhelmed in a mostly Moslem population of 60 million, Naftali said anti-semitism is not a problem and most Jews are relatively successful professionals.

Naftali terms growing up Jewish in Turkey "one of the best things in life." He recalls being raised one of four children in a family oriented environment where he spent holidays in synagogue and weekends participating in many activities — including folkdancing, theatre and sports — with other Jewish youngsters at one of a number of Jewish community centres.

However, the community now faces a shortage of rabbis and cantors, particularly outside of Istanbul where there are only pockets of Jews. In such cases, a phone call is usually placed to Naftali's father or another member of the Rabbinic Council requesting a religious leader be sent for a holiday service or to perform a marriage ceremony.

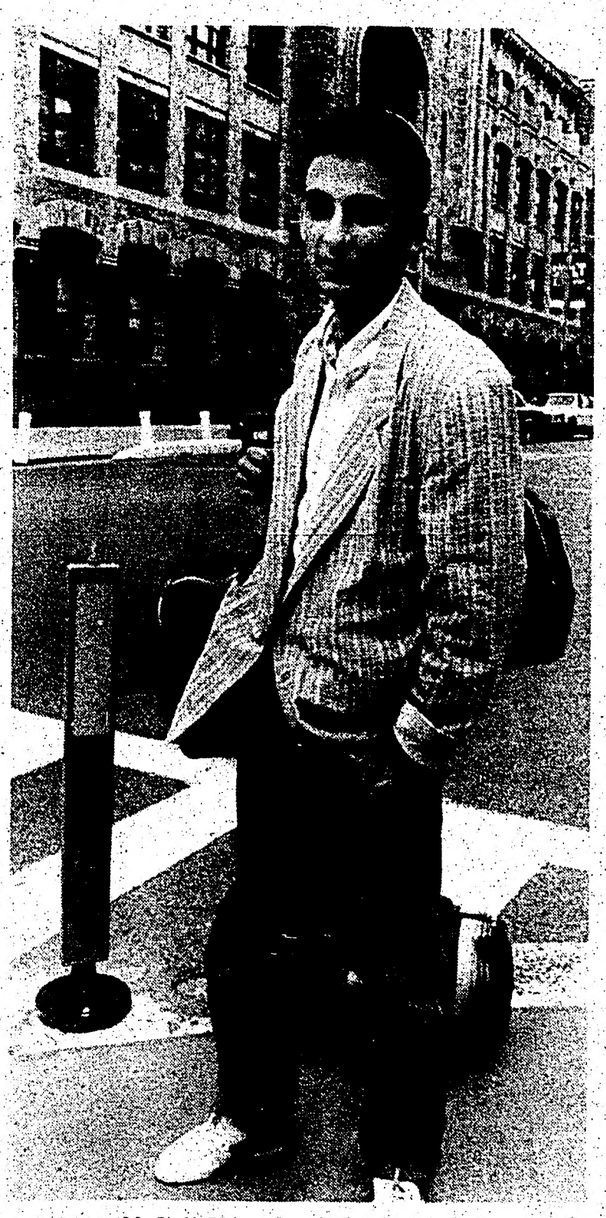
Despite his positive feelings about his classmates and American Jewry, Naftali finds life in the U.S. in general more difficult and impersonal.

In Turkey, he explained, a person would consider himself successful if he opened one store and made a comfortable living. But Naftali added in the U.S., people dream bigger and that same storeowner would probably not be satisfied until he owned a chain of stores.

"Life is much easier in Turkey," he said. "All Turkish people are very warm. In Turkey if you stop and ask someone for directions he will not just say go right, go left, he will come with you. No one even stops in New York."

However, Naftali is determined to take advantage of the opportunity that he now has to assist Turkish Jewry.

"When I go back (to Turkey) I want to teach and inspire the most learned children," he said. "I will continue until my mission is complete."



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Ancient connection lives on between Chanukah, olive tree

By
YOSEF BEN SHLOMO
HaKOHEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — There is an ancient connection between Chanukah and the olive tree. It was olive oil that was used to light the menorah of the Temple — a tradition that began after the exodus from Egypt.

For it was in the Sinai desert that the people were commanded to light the menorah of the Tabernacle with "pure olive oil of pounded olives." Centuries later, when the Maccabees entered Jerusalem to rededicate the Temple, they found a small jar of pure olive oil to use in the lighting of the menorah.

It was this small amount of oil that burned for eight days — an event that became known as the miracle of Chanukah.

Our ancestors saw a link between the menorah and the olive tree, as expressed in the vision of the prophet Zechariah: "I saw a menorah of gold . . . There were two olive trees beside the menorah, one on each side of it" (Zechariah 4, 2). For it is not only the olive oil which gives forth light, but also the olive tree itself.

Nogah Hareuveni, director of the Biblical Landscape Reserve, explains in his book Nature In Our Biblical Heritage, that the underside of the olive leaf is covered with miniature whitish scales, while its upper side is dark green. This contrast of shades produces a unique silvery sheen when the wind rustles the leaves. And when a strong wind blows through the trees of an olive grove, one can notice shafts of silvery light that seem to jump from tree to tree.

And so, perhaps it was only natural that the prophet Zechariah saw two olive trees standing either side of the menorah. His vision became part of the passage read by Jews in synagogues around the world on the Sabbath of Chanukah.

Only one part of the olive tree became part of the celebration and love of Chanukah, and that was the oil of the olive. The sages noted that one must first go through the difficult process of pressing the olives and refining the resulting mixture before one gets the pure olive oil that will give light.

They saw in the olive a reminder that there is a certain light that comes into the world only after great effort and hardship. The light from the leaves of the olive tree, on the other hand, does not come as a result of human effort. It comes and goes with the wind and has no power to sustain itself.

And so it became a Chanukah custom for Jewish men and women to light the menorah with the oil from olives. For in this small fruit of the Land of Israel lies a great message — the promise of an enduring light to those who struggle in the search for truth and freedom.

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Harbourfront exhibit moves to larger quarters

New antique market elicits pride

By
VIVIEN SHARON

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Canada's largest permanent antique market has moved to its new headquarters at 390 Queen's Quay West at the foot of Spadina Ave., several blocks from its former residence at 222 Queen's Quay.

The newly expanded 40,000 square-foot Harbourfront Antique Market is housed in an ultra-modern building, which is both inviting and accessible to the public.

Future plans include an exciting retail environment incorporating new shops, food court, and dining facilities on site.

"The open concept of the 2-level market includes a glass facade on three sides of both levels, allowing optimum natural light and public viewing," says Ronald Urman, president of the market, who brings 26 years of experience in buying and selling antiques.

Urman, together with enterpreneur Norman Paul, were appointed the new operators of the market by the Harbourfront Commission last year. They are equally proud of their new facility which opened this fall.

According to Urman, 38, he and board chairman Paul make a perfect team.

Paul, who is from Vancouver, offers business expertise, having owned such companies as Collegiate Sports, Robinson/Ogilvy, and Hudson's Bay Wholesale. This, combined with Urman's knowledge of the antique trade with shopping centre presentations, auction sales, and basic street wisdom make a winning combination.

Ronald Urman (left) and Norman Paul cut the cake to open newly expanded Harbourfront Antique Market.

"Improved car parking adjacent to the market, good public transit, a supporting retail environment and close proximity to Toronto's new domed stadium, are all factors that make a positive contribution to our projected annual pedestrian traffic flow in excess of 2 million shoppers," says Urman, **who has been buying and selling antiques in the Toronto market since he was 12 years old.**

Over the years, he admits to having developed a very keen, discerning eye: he knows the difference between an antique and junk.

The Harbourfront Antique Market has been in existence for over a decade. It boasts more than 100 permanent antique dealers and up to 300 antique dealers on weekends.

Bargains for sale include grandfather clocks, fine antique furniture, art deco lamps, antique dolls, vintage books, a selection of gold and silver jewelry and many collectors' memorabilia items.

"Since we moved to our new location, traffic has been as brisk and animated as our sales," says Urman, who spent close to four months working out the intricate 2-level floorplan.

Some 20 new exhibitors have joined the fold recently, including Dinah's Cupboard of Yorkville, Urman says.

As exhilarating as it is to head up one of the 10 largest antique markets in the world, according to Leisure World magazine, Urman admits that it is oftentimes an exhausting and emotionally draining experience.

"You are often dealing with non-professional merchandisers, husband and wife operators, for example. Sometimes they laugh ... sometimes they cry, and I am there to appease their problems. It's a 16 hour-a-day job," he notes.

He is also one of the few people in Toronto, or Canada, for that matter, who, at the young age of 38 has 26 years of experience in the antique business.

"Today I am dealing with exhibitors in their 70s whom I first met when they were in their 40s and 50s," he recalls. "Now, I am dealing with their sons and daughters."

For his sanity, he retreats to his log cabin which he is building by himself in the country. "It's my safety net against premature burnout."

He says he was overjoyed to walk into the new antique market on opening day and witness "a dream in one's head become magically real.

"Now, it's up to Torontonians to stand behind their market; I've given it my all," he said.

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Mixing celebration and diet

Holiday treats remain tasty with low cholesterol oil

By
LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN

For homemakers, Chanukah translates into preparing foods with oil with potato latkes and donuts fried in oil traditional.

For people on low-cholesterol diets and others who want to limit the amount of fat they consume, this holiday has many obvious pitfalls. Generally, fried and oil-rich foods are forbidden for them. What can a person do who wants to both celebrate traditionally and keep the diet?

The dilemma is not as insoluble as it first appears. Oil in itself is not harmful. But the amount must be limited and the kind selected carefully.

First, you have to switch from saturated oils to unsaturated. Saturated oils raise the blood cholesterol level more than anything else. They come from animal products (meat), butter, cheese, other dairy foods, and a few vegetable fats like coconut oil, cocoa butter and palm oil.

Fried latkes

So you cannot celebrate Chanukah the old-old-fashioned way by using schmaltz to fry your latkes. Due to these modern dietary recommendations, you cannot even observe the tradition of serving a dairy meal, replete with every kind of cheese treat, in honor of Judith, a Jewish heroine who preceded and perhaps even inspired Judah the Maccabee. So what can you do?

Switch to oils high in unsaturated fat. These are polyunsaturated fats such as those found in safflower, corn, soybean, sesame, and sunflower oils, and monounsaturated fats like olive oil.

The Chanukah story shows that the Maccabees knew olive oil was good.

But olive oil is generally considered a little too tasty for frying foods like latkes. Safflower oil is best, not only for taste but also because it has the highest polyunsaturated fat content and the lowest saturated fat content of any other oil. It has twice the polyunsaturates as the ever popular corn oil.

Once you have decided which unsaturated fat you are going to use for latke frying, you need to figure out other foods in your menu that are particularly low in fat so that even if you serve latkes, the amount of fat eaten in the meal remains under 20% of the total calories, an amount recommended by many doctors.

For instance, if you used to offer sour cream as a condiment, change to non-fat yogurt. One ounce of sour cream alone contains 3.7 grams of saturated fat and 22 milligrams of cholesterol. But who confines himself to just one ounce! Non-fat yogurt, on the other hand, contains less than one gram of fat per cup and has no cholesterol whatever.

Another delicious non-fat side dish that goes well with latkes is applesauce. For a special treat for your family, try making your own. It is quite easy to do, especially if you have a food processor. The results are much more wonderful than any you can buy. And you know that what you have has no artificial ingredients or preservatives.

If you are accustomed to celebrating Chanukah as a meat rather than a dairy meal, omit the yogurt and substitute roasted chicken for the brisket. A 3½ ounce portion of lean brisket contains 12.8 grams of fat and 93 milligrams of cholesterol compared to the same amount of white-meat roasted chicken, which contains only 4.1 grams of fat and 66 milligrams of cholesterol.

To achieve this dramatic fat and cholesterol reduction, make sure to remove the skin and all the obvious fat from the chicken before you put it in the oven. If you cook it on a high enough temperature (400 degrees), it will form a new "skin." If you don't overcook it at this temperature, it will stay moist and delicious.

Serve a tossed green salad, but make sure to substitute some of the oil in the dressing with water. Limit the amount you use. Allow no more than one tablespoon of salad dressing per person. Of course, if you use a non-oil salad dressing, the amount per person is unlimited.

Last, if you want to celebrate Chanukah by eating donuts for dessert, don't do so at the same meal as when you plan to have latkes. On the night you serve latkes, prepare a fruit dessert instead.

Have a happy, highly polyunsaturated holiday with these recipes:

POTATO LATKES

6 medium potatoes, washed thoroughly and cubed
½ medium onion
3 tablespoons flour
½ cup egg substitute
1½ teaspoons salt (or to taste)
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
(Safflower) oil for frying

Place a fourth of the ingredients in food processor and process until the mixture is coarsely grated. Repeat until all the ingredients are combined. Work quickly so the mixture does not darken. Use at once.

Heat an electric fry pan or griddle to 350 degrees. Pour a small amount of safflower oil in the pan, enough to cover the bottom evenly. Use a quarter cup measure to pour out the potato batter into the heated pan.

Fry until crisp and brown and then flip. Fry on the other side until done. Drain on paper towels to remove excess oil. Then place on a platter and keep warm in the oven until all the batter is fried.

HOMEMADE APPLESAUCE

3 pounds of apples, washed, quartered and cored
Apple cider or water
Sugar (optional)
Lemon juice
Cinnamon

Place unpeeled apple chunks in large saucepan. (The peels give the applesauce a beautiful rosy color.) Half cover with cider or water. (You will need more liquid and flavorings for older or less tasty apples.) Simmer until tender.

Process in food processor to whatever consistency you prefer. Add lemon juice to taste and sugar and cinnamon, if desired. Serve warm or cold.

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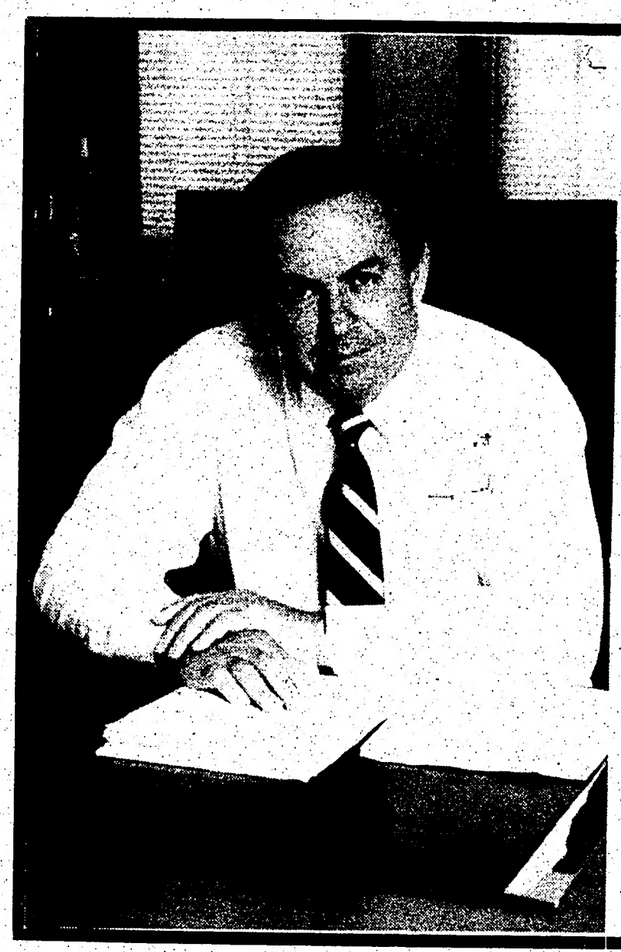

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For the LeKarem division of Chateau des Charmes wine, the day belied the prospects.

Grape-crushing day's low wintery clouds, chilling gusts, and intermittent flurries created a disrespectfully dismal scene for the plans and possibilities of Canada's single producer of kosher wines.

LeKarem, says company principal Joe Markin, is going into the production of kosher grape juice, as well as bringing out several new kosher wines. It is also negotiating for an expansion of facilities. Decisive steps have been taken on the inroad to the U.S. market.

New products include:

• Grape juice, for use by confection manufacturers, as well as for home consumption. "Right now, we're using a concord grape," said Markin, "but we'd like to produce juice from vinifera grapes as well." Predominantly for winemaking, viniferas like riesling and chardonnay would make a more sophisticated, distinct, and drier juice than concord.

• A medium sweet low alcohol sparkling wine, predominantly from U.S. grown muskat grapes. Tentatively labelled Moscato Spumante, it could be on the shelves as early as Pesach. "By Shavuoth at the latest," said Markin.

• A dry red, based on similarly imported ruby cabernet grapes, and also to go on sale between Pesach and Shavuot. "I don't know yet what we'll call it," he said, pointing out that Ontario requires a varietal wine to be made from at least 85% of the grapes that it is named after. The ruby cabernet grapes in LeKarem's blend account for 70%.

• A chardonnay, to meet the fashionable trend for this white wine, from chardonnay grapes grown right on the Chateau des Charmes vineyard-winery that hosts LeKarem's production. "The grapes sell for $1,500 a ton now. World demand for it is incredible," he said. The grapes grow just as well here as in their native Burgundy region of France, said Markin.

• A sparkling semi-dry white wine, regular strength, based on riesling grapes.

Decisive in the introduction of the muskat and cabernet was the September 1988 Ontario ruling allowing winemakers to import up to 70% of the grapes in the production of local wines, in anticipation of free trade. Until then, it was only 15%. (Locally grown muskat grapes provide the other 30% of Moscato Spumante's base.)

The new ruling, while allowing for innovation, was "ironic," said Markin. "Ontario grape producers fought free trade because they were afraid of being ruined by imports from Washington state and California. Now all those grapes can come in even before free trade takes effect."

Ontario's position as the third largest North American producer of wine grapes — ahead of New York state, among other areas — still leaves it with considerable advantage, he added.

(Another incongruity associated with free trade, he said, was that; contrary to expectation, wine would probably not get any cheaper. "To abolish what European winemakers call discriminatory pricing, the LCBO, instead of lowering the markup on imports from 100% to the locals' 58%, will raise the locals' also to 100%.")

That's for wines sold at the LCBO. Local producers with their own outlets, which includes LeKarem, will continue to be allowed their flexibility.)

Expansion is imminent. The need to increase volume to supply demand and the desire for more flexibility have prompted LeKarem to look for larger quarters. As it happens, Chateau des Charmes' founder Paul Bosc — the first vintner-grower in Canada to plant only vinifera grapes — is also looking for something bigger than the 60-acre vineyard and relatively small plant that he's been working the past 10 years. The LeKarem division is negotiating with Bosc for the whole Chateau.

The possibility of manufacturing grape juice concentrate — rather than just the single strength product — for food processors in Canada and the U.S. is also leading Markin to consider springing to a much larger operation. "We're trying to land a couple of contracts right now," he said. "If we succeed, we'll be the only manufacturer of kosher grape juice concentrate in North America."

A large Canadian winemaker is making overtures to U.S. hotels with a couple of LeKarem wines as auxiliary kosher offerings. "I understand our samples were well received," said Markin. "We are hoping for the best."

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Setting realistic targets important

"Toivelling" helps baal teshuvah along the path

By
SIMCHA WASSERMAN

TORONTO —

There is a moment, or maybe many such moments, when the prospective baal teshuvah decides to finally take some action in changing his way of life. It is during such moments of spiritual insight, that the world's purpose seems clear; that despite the chaos you know to exist, you still feel supremely accepting, supremely calm.

You palpably sense G-d completely in control of His universe and absolutely just in His motives. And beyond this, you feel wonderful being a Jew. Your place in the grand scheme of things never felt better, never was more purposeful.

But for someone just setting out on the path, the task ahead seems awesome, so much so that one can seriously consider whether it's worth expending the effort or not. My advice is to make the effort but to do so wisely and at a pace you find comfortable. The right pace is usually discovered after making the error of going too fast.

When I found myself moving at a roller coaster's pace, and sitting in the front seat no less, I pulled myself right out of all activity and objectively tried to ferret out my true goals. There is nothing wrong with having noble targets to shoot for, such as: I want to be a talmudic scholar within the year. But to be realistic, you don't need or want that kind of pressure.

Now setting goals, as most of us who have tried to improve ourselves know, is not an easy thing to do. Here is where the observant community can help enormously. What you must find is a person or a select group of people who are sensitive to where you are coming from and are receptive to the kinds of problems you might incur.

It is necessary to have living examples of what you will be studying because while many of the inspired written words you will read will uplift you, it is the mitzvos you see and perform which will keep you on your ascent.

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My wife and I have been most closely associated with Aish Hatorah, an organization committed to providing Jewish education through its various programs, and it is mainly through these that we have been learning and making changes in our lives. For a long while, these changes have been largely philosophical, until we attended one of Aish Hatorah's Discovery seminars back in May.

The experience was nothing less than explosive, and it managed to push us off the fence we had been stagnating on for some time. Our next change, we decided, was to kasher our kitchen and become strictly kosher.

Simcha Wasserman

Having made this decision, our next step was to consult our observant friends and our guiding rabbis on the procedures to follow.

Personally, I again leaned heavily on my closest friend, a man who has been pivotal in my religious growth, and he suggested we contact the Lubavitch Community Centre because of the excellent assistance it offers in kashering kitchens — from helping subsidize what can be an expensive undertaking to having someone there working on your kitchen with you.

The second thing my friend said, which to me was even more important, was that he would be there to help me in my particular role of the kashering process; that of toivelling, or sanctifying all our kitchen utensils and diningware in the waters of the mikvah.

We worked very hard to re-organize our kitchen: constantly revising lists of what things we could still keep by kashering, deciding what we would have to purchase, and logistically planning which cupboards and drawers would be which, milk or meat. My wife worked with determination and with a feeling of purpose that was exhilarating to behold.

On the other hand, I felt distant for not being involved as much and found it difficult to share the same 'high' she was experiencing. Fortunately, there was toivelling. . . .

It began with my wife neatly laying out on the floor what appeared to be 100 cartons of things to be toivelled. Seeing my distress, she assured me that I had just never seen all the things we eat with out of their respective cupboards and drawers at the same time and in the same place.

I called my friend to ask if he knew of a car rental company which offered special mikvah rates on vans. He replied that toivelling could be done over a period of time. I looked again at the "to be toivelled" area in my living room, and asked if I could take a year.

When my friend arrived, he agreed there was a lot of toivelling to do but said this is why he offered his help. So together, with his moral and physical support, we loaded my car and made our first trip to the mikvah.

As you remember, this past summer was the hottest Toronto has ever experienced. After moving everything from the car to the mikvah, we were absolutely drenched in sweat. To make matters worse, the mikvah change room was regulated to closely match the mikvah's heated water.

We made a bracha, blessing G-d for sanctifying us with His commandment concerning toivelling. We unloaded a section of a carton and very carefully loaded a plastic basket which contained many holes so the water could circulate and touch everything.

Despite the physical discomfort of the intense heat, I made a concerted effort to understand the meaning of what I was doing. It was not easy, but eventually I began to feel what my wife must have been feeling as she spent those many hours in the kitchen slowly transforming our way of eating.

It occurred to me that the more I concentrated on the mitzvah I was doing, the less I became aware of its corporality and the more I became aware of its underlying spirituality. This is not to say we are to forget ourselves in total contemplation, because it is through our physical actions that we are able to affect ourselves on a spiritual plane.

As I was making this conclusion, my crouch beside the mikvah was weakening and my supporting foot was inching closer to the waters themselves. My friend, a seasoned toiveller, saw what he must have seen before about to transpire again. Just as my shoe began picking up speed along the watery tiles, I felt my shoulders being firmly secured as he explained why entering the mikvah clothed would have defeated its intended purpose.

I laughed out loud and then quickly covered my mouth, asking if it was okay to laugh in a mikvah. Only at something funny, he answered, and then tapping me on the arm he reminded me that I had a lot more to do. Yes I agreed, a lot more to do and a lot more to learn and enjoy.

Book weaves Jewish motifs

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Michael Jay Katz's *Night Tales of The Shammes* (Jason Aronson, US $35) weaves together Jewish motifs of medieval Germany, which are retold through the persona of a loquacious shammes (beadle).

All 540 pages of this hefty volume are delivered in the second person, ostensibly an extended lecture by the shammes. This technique of Katz's style, otherwise clear and crisp enough, may not appeal to some readers.

One criticism: It is not clear whether some, a few, or most of the characters described are fictional.

It is also unclear which anecdotes were made up by the author and which were handed down to him. Some are obviously well travelled, but do the unfamiliar ones indicate: a previously untapped source of material; a good imagination on the part of the author; this reviewer's ignorance; or all three? This reader, for one, does not like to be left in such limbo.

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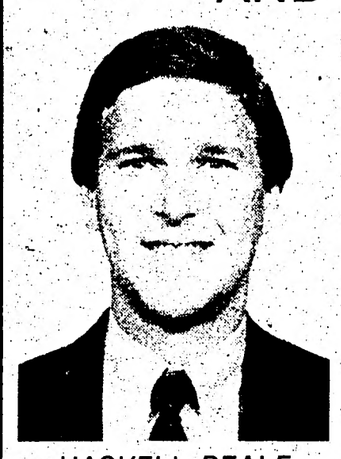

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Antique store sells old shul's windows

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — Touring the antiques stores of rural southern Ontario recently, I came across a series of spectacular stained glass panels from a turn of the century synagogue in England. Their presence provides a window on the recent history of British Jewry.

The four panels, from the now defunct synagogue in the city of Preston northwest of Manchester, are on sale at the Stone House, an antique shop in the quaint village of Campbellville, 75 kilometres west of Toronto off the 401.

Three of them depict such traditional Jewish symbols as the menorah, Torah scroll, Star of David, and eternal light. Each window measures approximately 90 by 50 inches and dates back some 80 years.

A fourth panel is smaller and, judging by the glass, technique and design, dates from the 1920s. The window depicts the Tomb of Rachel in Bethlehem, a symbol that became popular during the British Mandate over Palestine.

In fact the white domed building appeared on both the stamps and coins issued by the British authorities. It seems likely that the window was an expression of the Zionism of Preston's Jews.

A fifth panel was sold this summer at the Harbourfront antique market to a Massachusetts collector who has put the window in front of a specially designed flood light in his home.

Dr. Paul Singleton, who runs the family business part-time together with his mother Dorothy, explained that he acquired the panes last fall while on a buying trip. His antique store has an extensive collection of more prosaic stained glass pieces, all from England and Scotland, and mostly taken from 19th century residential buildings which were slated for demolition.

The Singletons strip the many coats of paint off the windows' oak frames, varnish them and add hooks for suspending the stained glass in front of plain windows to best show off their colors. The cost of the synagogue windows — from $3,000 to $4,000 each, is an indication of just how unusual they are.

Singleton, 38, now completing a residency in psychiatry at the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, said that for him history and antiques are a love. "It's been a family business which I hate to see die," he said. "I enjoy it as a hobby."

Preston, today a somewhat decrepit city of 100,000, had a thriving community of 100 Eastern European Jewish immigrant families in the years before World War I when Britain was at the zenith of its industrial might. Over the years the younger people drifted away to study and work in London, and the community gradually declined.

The synagogue building was finally sold in 1980 to a developer who in turn sold it to a Pakistani immigrant association which converted the handsome structure into a mosque. The Muslims then removed the stained glass windows and sold them to a dealer.

Singleton noted that a similar fate has befallen many churches in the city centres of English towns. "It is a reflection of changing demography, immigration patterns and economics," he said.

He hopes that the windows he salvaged will be acquired by synagogues in North America so that worshippers may yet again appreciate the fine craftsmanship of an Edwardian-era synagogue.

Anthology recalls pioneering works

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — *Sefer Eitz Yehuda*, a commemorative anthology of the writings of Rabbi Yehuda Yudel Rosenberg, is the first in a projected multi-volume set, says publisher and great-great-grandson Baruch Rosenberg.

Rabbi Rosenberg, who died in 1935, was a pioneer of both Toronto's and Montreal's Jewish communities. As a scholar, his works on the Zohar and the Golem of Prague helped lay the cornerstone for the modern revival of interest in traditional Jewish mysticism.

- Helped found Eitz Chaim Schools during his tenure as spiritual leader of Toronto's Polish Jewish community, 1913-19.
- Helped found the forerunner of Montreal's Vaad Ha'Ir, the city's central rabbinical body. He also served as chief rabbi of the city's Orthodox congregations from 1919 until his death.
- Translated the Zohar — commentary on the Torah that forms the pillar of traditional mysticism — from Aramaic into Hebrew. "It is still widely used, and has gone through many printings," Baruch Rosenberg told The Canadian Jewish News.
- Was the first to retell the story of the Golem of Prague for modern scholarship, from a manuscript nearly 400 years old written by the son-in-law of the Frankenstein-like creature's reputed creator, Rabbi Judah Lowe. Gershon Winkler's book *The Golem of Prague* acknowledges Rabbi Rosenberg's work, said Baruch Rosenberg.

Sefer Eitz Yehuda, in Yiddish and Hebrew, contains extended passages of his halachic and mystical commentaries.

Baruch Rosenberg, 31, compiled the anthology from his collection of Rabbi Rosenberg's works, which was given to him by the latter's daughter-in-law.

"Synagogues, schools and libraries will find the sefer a valuable addition," Baruch told The CJN. "So will people interested in the development of the Canadian community's Yidishkeit."

The softcover volume is $18, "which covers costs," he said.

He can be contacted evenings by phone at (416) 764-5757. Baruch Rosenberg's address is 5 Christine Court, Thornhill, Ont. L4J 3K1.

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Feeling of powerlessness remains

Buying a new home still remains an art

By MARCEL STRIGBERGER

There are three situations in life where you will feel totally powerless. These are being wheeled around in a hospital for tests, sitting in your car on a highway on a summer Sunday evening with 20,000 other cars within a radius of 100 metres and buying a new home from a builder during a real estate boom.

As most of us have gone through the first two situations more frequently and furthermore as we really have no one to blame for them, I'll deal with the third situation.

After living peacefully in an older and centrally located house the past few years, my wife thought that it was time to move to the suburbs and switch to a new home.

We drove to the desired area and we came across a development called "Masterpiece Homes." There were no signs of any homes although we did notice a few bulldozers nearby, seemingly just waiting for the word, "build."

The builder was operating out of a trailer. It was early morning and already there was a mob of people in and around the trailer studiously surveying the sand that might one day be the site of their living rooms.

Inside the trailer a hostess greeted us, offering us a cup of coffee. For some reason I felt like Hansel and Gretel entering the gingerbread house.

There were no model homes built yet but a sales agent took us to the wall (literally and not figuratively speaking at this stage) and showed us a series of artistic sketches of the homes for sale. Moving along viewing the sketches I felt like we were in a cathedral following depictions of the stations of the cross.

New houses by the way aren't simply houses; they have names. One was called, "The Picasso." Another, "The Rembrandt." Another masterpiece was entitled, "The Van Gogh." I looked at that sketch carefully especially near the upper area to make sure there wasn't a piece of eavesdrop cut off.

It would have made it more authentic as well as more economical to build. From the looks of the crowds however, the builder was selling more Van Goghs than the artist ever did.

My wife favored "The Da Vinci." No, it did not have a lady in front of it with an inexplicable smile. The price tag was $299,900. I wasn't smiling either.

Although my wife was ready to talk turkey immediately I hesitated five minutes in order to give "The Toulouse-Lautrec" another once over. I always had a soft spot for things Parisian. And it was selling for a mere $289,900, frame included.

A few minutes later after a careful huddle Florence prevailed over Montmartre and we notified the agent we wanted a Da Vinci. He excused himself and went into a smaller trailer next door, returned after five minutes and said, "The Da Vincis are now going for $304,900."

"What do you mean $304,000?" I protested. The sign says $299,000.

"We can't give it away at that price forever. We have to make some profit," the poor agent pleaded.

There's a theory that the Mona Lisa is probably Da Vinci himself. No wonder he was smiling. He probably also built houses.

My wife and I took a 30-second time out.

"OK, wrap up the Toulouse-Lautrec," I replied.

He took out his calculator, punched on some figures and said, "$299,900 sir."

"This is madness," I shrieked. The Toulouse-Lautrec was just going for $289,900. You can't just bump up the price by 10 grand."

"Well sir, the Toulouse-Lautrec includes so many features."

"Features?" I cried, "I don't care if it includes a dozen Can Can girls."

"Perhaps you would like to think about it sir and madame, I could get you a cup of coffee," he offered.

"OK but don't bother boiling the water," I urged him. "By the time it'll be ready the prices will jump another five thousand."

My wife and I resumed our strategic talks. We took another walk. The Van Gogh looked a lot like the Toulouse-Lautrec but at $289,000 it was still a good deal. The agent forgot to jack up the price and we would now grab it.

"The Van Gogh it is," I said jubilantly.

The agent hesitated and walked over to that other trailer.

"Uh oh," we both gasped. Another price increase? Or maybe they would make us bid for the Van Gogh, auction style. In this manner it might go for $53 million.

The agent returned from the lair. "Sorry folks, We're completely sold out."

"No more Van Gogh?" My wife queried.

"No more houses madame."

Actually I felt relieved. But I did want to get my wife something. I approached the agent and we chatted a couple of minutes.

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Murder of Elana Steinberg "distortion of American justice"

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Elana Steinberg who was murdered on the night of May 27, 1981, was a "gutsy, generous woman," whose reputation was torn to shreds in a trial that was "a distortion of American justice."

This is the conclusion of Shirley Frondorf, author of Death of a Jewish American Princess, the True Story of a Victim on Trial, published by Random House, who spoke to a crowd of 400 at the Jewish Book Fair recently.

Frondorf, a lawyer, spent three years researching the case in which Steve Steinberg, the victim's husband, was acquitted of murdering his wife on their 15th wedding anniversary in their Scottsdale, Ariz. home on the ground of temporary insanity and walked out of the courtroom a free man. He collected life insurance on his wife and paid for his defence by taking out a mortgage on their home.

Just as hideous as the murder itself, in which Elana was stabbed 26 times, in Frondorf's opinion, is the way in which defence lawyer Robert Hirsh of Tucson painted Elana.

"It was my impression that the tactic was to portray Elana as a combination of all things that bigots considered specifically Jewish, while picturing Steve as a Jew trying to break away from all this," she said.

The author said "it was a combustible brand of misogyny and anti-semitism," that led to the husband being freed. If the jury of 12 had contained even one Jew or if the prosecuting attorney was Jewish, she believed the trial result would have been different.

Frondorf, who is not Jewish, said she deplored the fact that the defence lawyer and the chief defence witness, a San Francisco psychiatrist, were Jewish.

Frondorf said she interviewed eight of the 12 jurors and none of them had ever heard the term JAP. The jurors were an "unworldly group," she said. None had jobs which required decisions and none had a university education.

Among them were several Christian fundamentalists and a few actually got down on their knees in the jury room and prayed. One told Frondorf that Satan was in the courtroom every day in the person of a reporter for the Phoenix morning newspaper.

The author said the jury never did get the picture of what a pathological gambler Steve Steinberg was. "He was desperate for money, he was at the end of the line. Elana was bravely covering for him. He was betting $10,000 on Monday night football. Elana's brother came back from Las Vegas and told her "Steve acted like an animal and it's time you left him."

Frondorf added: "Elana was a loyal and very traditional wife and she waited too long."

The author said the prosecuting attorney failed to comprehend the way in which the defence was painting the JAP picture and later admitted he was unprepared for that kind of defence.

As an example, she said Hirsh brought in an interior decorator who testified that Elana "was a difficult woman to deal with." The prosecution did not counter with any business people who found her a good customer, she said.

At the trial Steinberg cut a handsome figure, and he cried on the witness stand. "An ugly man would never have been able to pull it off," she said. "When Hirsh referred to Elana as a bitch not an eyebrow was raised."

Some jurors embraced Steinberg after the verdict and one even said: "You should have had a medal." Another told Frondorf she was convinced that Steinberg would convert to Christianity after the trial "and welcome Jesus into his heart."

Asked how she as a lawyer would react to that kind of trial, she said: "When you get into that anti-semitism stuff, I couldn't live with it."

The author said the Jewish community of Scottsdale was shocked by the murder, and even more so, by Steinberg's acquittal. But in doing research for the book she discovered that most of Elana's friends and neighbors did not want to talk to her. But she did glean enough to realize that the community did not know what was happening at the trial.

Louise Cornblum, Na'amat Canada, was chairman while Sue Holtzman also of Na'amat Canada introduced the author. She was thanked by Leslie Gales, co-chair, Business and Professional Women's Network of UJA.

Shabbaton explores values, vegetarianism

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

A recent Shabbaton at Maple Lake Lodge near Parry Sound brought together vegetarians and non-vegetarians to explore the link between traditional Jewish values and the moral directives of vegetarianism.

Shabbat services were led by Cantor Zvi Slotki of Am Echad Congregation in Thornhill, who is a vegetarian.

The lodge's executive chef, Jacques Perez, created "gourmet vegetarian meals with no two dishes alike," said a spokesman for the weekend's sponsor, the Jewish Vegetarian Society of Toronto.

Chiropractor and nutrition consultant Phil Martin discussed eating for optimal health as an area of concern for vegetarians.

Richard Schwartz, a mathematics professor at New York's College of Staten Island and author of the book, *Judaism and Vegetarianism*, said the Torah portion for the week (Bereshit — Genesis — the beginning), implicitly urged vegetarianism.

Schwartz' new book, *Judaism and Global Survival*, probes the connection between traditional Jewish values and efforts to solve widespread hunger, environmental corruption and the energy crisis.

Roberta Kalechofsky of Marblehead, Md., founder of the organization, Jews for Animal Rights, focused on the injunction, Tsa'ar Ba'alei Chayim (against hurting animals). She said contemporary Jewish and non-Jewish society ignores such principles in the practice of factory farming.

"Animals today are reared in fully automated buildings and kept in extremely confined areas," she said, adding, "The two worst examples are baby calves, raised for veal, which are kept in dark crates scarcely larger than their own bodies, and chickens crammed into wire mesh cages the size of large textbooks.

"The wings of chickens atrophy, the baby calves become anemic, sometimes driven to drink their own urine in a search for iron. These animals must be constantly sprayed with pesticides to keep them from collapsing with disease. They are unhealthy for people to eat." Such animals, she insisted, would not be recognized by God. "They are an attack upon creation itself — blasphemous!"

Shechita (Jewish ritual slaughter) is no guard against factory farmed meat she observed, declaring that 90% of meat today is factory farmed and sold to both the kosher and non-kosher trade.

Slotki, who had been trained as a schochet by his father, stressed the respect for animals and the careful peparation required for this role. He said that he eventually turned away because this was an activity he could no longer accept.

A paper prepared by Stephanie Brown, vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, outlined abuses in farm animal transportation in Canada.

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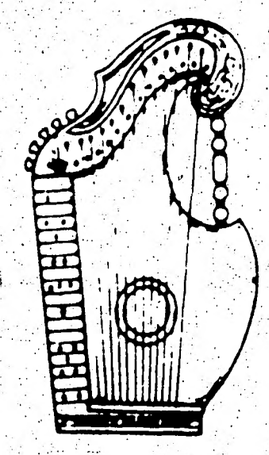

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Israeli envoy to Spain

Diplomat has lofty goals

By
LEN BUTCHER

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. —

Shlomo Ben-Ami, at 48, has not reached his professional goal yet, but being Israel's ambassador to Spain is in itself quite an accomplishment.

Rising from poverty in Tangiers, the young Sephardi was determined to play a key role in Israel since arriving there in the mid-1950s.

Sitting in the comfortable living room of his St. Catharines home, his brother Joseph talked fondly and proudly of Shlomo.

"When Shlomo first went to Israel, it was very difficult for him because he was a Sephardi. The jobs and the opportunities were not there and he desperately wanted to get a good education so he could contribute something to the country."

But through determination and a brilliant mind, Shlomo rose above the ethnic obstacles and was noticed by professors at Tel Aviv University. The university agreed to sponsor Shlomo to England's Oxford University if he would work for the university on graduation.

Shlomo eagerly accepted, and the rest, as they say, is history. Studying Spanish history, he had two books published, both dealing with Spain, and received his doctorate, in what Oxford professors said was record time.

Returning to Israel, Shlomo joined Tel Aviv University hoping to some day become Israel's minister of education. "That's his goal," says Joseph. "It's something he always wanted to be. But then, when Israel and Spain opened diplomatic ties, Shlomo was the best and most logical choice to become ambassador."

Now in his second year, how does he like it?

"I speak to him fairly often and he seems to like it," says Joseph, "but whether he would want to serve another term, I don't know." Married, with three children, the oldest boy in Israel studying to be a doctor, Shlomo misses Israel.

There is also the danger factor, says Joseph. "With the uprising, he is very concerned, because there are a lot of Arabs in Spain and Shlomo appears on television defending Israel's position, so it's cause for concern."

On the bright side, however, is the fact that relations between the two countries "are improving," according to the ambassador.

Does he feel Israel is losing friends because of the bad publicity surrounding the uprising?

"Not at all," says Joseph. "Friends of Israel will remain friends no matter what happens and those enemies of Israel will forever be its enemies."

Shlomo Ben-Ami (right) Israel's ambassador to Spain, with King Juan Carlos at the Royal Palace.

Begin changes stride

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

It was the sixth enactment of a ritual that has captured the attention of this nation: Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin slowly stepping towards his wife Aliza's grave on the Mount of Olives for the memorial service that annually interrupts his otherwise totally reclusive existence.

As usual, Begin was flanked by his daughters Hassia and Lea, his son Benny, and several grandchildren during the 20-minute ceremony. As usual, the photographers positioned themselves strategically among the tombstones, taking advantage of their only opportunity of the year to photograph the man whose name is still chanted at Likud rallies.

If anything was different this year, it was Begin himself. Wearing a dark suit, a narrow-brimmed hat, and thick tortoise-shell glasses, the 75-year-old Begin appeared more alert and poised than in previous years. Long strands of gray hair tumbled down behind his ears. He walked stiffly and deliberately, flanked by his daughters.

Begin generally rushes back to his home bordering the Jerusalem Forest as soon the brief service is over. But this time he lingered a few moments longer, shaking hands with some of those present.

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Israeli in To. offers home thoughts from abroad

By
GLORIA DEUTSCH

TORONTO —

"Are you sure you're going to come back to Israel?" was the invariable reaction whenever we announced our plans to spend a year in Toronto.

True, many Israelis come here to stay, and one cannot blame them for being unable to resist the lure of the fleshpots. Or they come on a temporary basis, always meaning to go back — one day.

These are the ones who reply to the question "How long have you been here?" with the standard answer "Too long;" the ones who read Israel Shelanu (Our Israel) and go to Israeli singalongs to join in a lusty chorus of "Erets Ba Naladnu, Erets Ba Nichyeh" (The land that we were born in, the land where we shall live).

Meanwhile the years go by — 15, 20, 25. The spirit is willing but oh the flesh, the fleshpots. . . .

We, however, belong to the third category of Israelis, those who chose to live there in the first place, having immigrated from England 15 years ago. We've done our stretch and produced two sabra sons as well as the two Liverpool-born daughters we came with — so this year is, in a sense, like time off for good behavior.

And what a year it's proving to be! Coming from the small, semi-rural town of Kfar Saba, half an hour north of Tel Aviv, we feel truly like the country mouse when faced with the glories of Toronto's great metropolis — the museums, the skyscrapers, the theatres, the public transport system, the supermarket checkouts.

It all works so efficiently, people are so pleasant, constantly expressing their desire for us to have a nice day, the only thing politicians seem to get steamed up about is free trade and it is all so streamlined, so comfortable, so — passionless.

How different from the noisy, odorous, sweaty, frenetic tiny country half a world away that I complain about bitterly when living there, and ache for when I'm away from it.

It *is* good to get away from it all — if only for a year. It will have been worth it just to experience the sheer beauty of the autumn, a season that seems to pass Israel by. And then there is the snow to look forward to — my sabras are waiting very impatiently for that entirely new experience.

For all that Toronto has a vibrant, visible Jewish community, one senses a dichotomy, or perhaps even a trichotomy in the day to day living experience expressed, as life inevitably is, by language.

For all Canadians there is the unbiquitous bilinguality which means you read the cereal box twice, whether you want to or not, the eye outwitting the brain. For Jews there is the added Hebrew dimension.

My sons, at Associated Hebrew Schools, learn for half a day as though they were sitting in their Kfar Saba classroom. Teachers call down the corridor to each other in throaty, Yemenite-accented Hebrew.

Outside, in North York where we live, the Jews are conspicuous, totally visible. Boys and men in kipot, be-sheitled matrons pushing prams. Everywhere you go Jewish buildings, institutions, activities, meetings, lectures, community centres.

At my local supermarket, the loudspeaker announcements are always for the kosher deli. In the gift shop I can choose from a far bigger selection of Chanukah dreidels here than I would ever find in Kfar Baba, or even Tel Aviv. I can buy Chanukah wrapping paper and Magen David-shaped gift boxes and kosher food delicacies I would never find in Israel.

Does this mean that Canada is "more Jewish" than Israel? Yes, in availability of consumer items it is far more Jewish than the Jewish state. When I left England to live in Israel it was, among other reasons, because Israel was more Jewish than Liverpool. If Canada is more Jewish than Israel, what possible reason could Canadian Jews have for wanting to make aliya?

How great the difference between pre-war Europe and present-day America. There, the Jews were more German than the Germans. Here they are more Jewish than the Israelis. If only they could get their geographical priorities right, Israel's problems might be on the road to being solved.

We have one country and it is beset by horrendous problems. It is, to paraphrase Shakespeare, "a poor thing"—in some ways yes — "but mine own." Canada is wonderful — a stunningly beautiful perfect country — but Israel needs me and I need Israel. I'm looking forward to going home.

Israelis return to Coral Island

By
BILL GLADSTONE

EILAT —

To the Israelis it is Coral Island. Situated in the Gulf of Aqaba just 13.5 km from Eilat and 5 km beyond Taba, it was a popular seaside attraction during the years when Israel occupied the Sinai.

Although the island returned to Egyptian control in 1974, Israeli tourists continue to make day-trips there via ferry from Eilat, taking advantage of the open borders between Egypt and Israel since the Camp David accords.

Even though a visa is required, which may take several days to procure, visitors claim it is worth the wait.

One of the main attractions of the island, which protrudes from the Red Sea less than 1,000 feet from the Sinai coast, is a fortress which the Arab Sultan Saladdin built in the 12th century to protect vital Red Sea trading routes and ward off Christian Crusaders.

Besides the impressive remains of Saladdin's fortress, from which an Egyptian flag now flies, the corals surrounding the tiny island make it an excellent spot for divers.

The Egyptians call the small isle Gazirat Faraun, or Pharoah Island. Boatloads of Egyptians and visitors to the land of the Pharoahs regularly unload there for a few hours; the island has no overnight accommodations.

The island is also popular with Jordanians, and ferries are in regular service to the island from Aqaba, Jordan. These frequently carry Saudi Arabian nationals who have crossed the international boundary from Saudi into Jordan only a few kilometres away.

The Gulf of Aqaba is the spot where the borders of Egypt, Israel, Jordan and Saudi Arabia converge. Indeed, there is a spot in these waters where a boat would be approximately equidistant from each of the four countries.

Citizens from the four lands often encounter each other on Pharoah Island.

This writer has been informed, and has observed first-hand, that an icy silence generally prevails during such meetings.

As one experienced visitor to the island remarked, "We stare at each other and keep away from each other."

(Although international visitors with visas are permitted to visit Pharoah Island, it is not an entry point into the Sinai. For that, travellers would have to go to Nuweiba further down the coast.)

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"When home is no longer safe"

Two facilities set to serve battered Jewish women

By
BEN GALLOB

TORONTO (JTA) —
Battered Jewish wives in Canada, victims for decades of the myth that Jewish husbands never physically abuse their spouses, finally have facilities under Jewish auspices available to them.

The first of two such centres opened in June in Toronto. Alternative Short Term Emergency Housing is a modest step, "a place to go when home is no longer safe," says a report in a recent issue of B'nai B'rith Women's World.

The pilot program is a joint project of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada and the Jewish Family & Child Service of Toronto.

The product of "three years of intensive research, planning and fund raising," the project is a rented 2-bedroom apartment, located near schools, shopping and transportation. It has a kosher kitchen, a crib, several beds and a security system.

That was when Hannah Feldman, BBWU public affairs chairwoman, began an extensive research project to learn the dimensions of the problem and what the organization might be able to do about it.

Stecher told JTA that prior to the opening of the shelter, battered wives, Jewish and non-Jewish, could flee to public shelters.

But many Jewish women did not like the shelters and found other means to take themselves and their children away from the fists of battering husbands.

Such facilities had already been opened in the United States. A city-funded Transition Center, financed by the city's Human Resources Administration, was opened in Queens, NY, under the direction of Barbara Harris, a social worker.

The Transition Center, opened in 1980, is the first to offer facilities for observant Jewish women. It is sponsored by the Gustave Hartman YM-YWHA of Far Rockaway, Queens.

In 1983, the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles organized a Family Violence Project and has since helped more than 500 families in wife abuse incidents.

The Women's World report said some 80% of users of the JPFS Family Violence Project are Jews. They include wives of doctors, rabbis and lawyers.

Asked about rules of the Toronto facility, Stecher said the facility can accommodate one family at a time and is available to a fleeing family for up to 90 days.

During that time, social workers from JF & CS try to arrange more permanent locations. Battered women get priority for public housing in Toronto.,

Efforts are also made to involve the abusive husband in counseling, a pattern followed by all such family services, JTA was told. So far, two families have used the Toronto facilities. One wife stayed for a week, then returned home after her husband agreed to accept JF & CS counseling.

The second wife has been at the Toronto shelter for a month, hoping to get a public housing apartment.

Alternative Short Term Emergency Housing is jointly financed as well as jointly sponsored.

B'nai B'rith Women provided $10,000 and a similar grant was provided by JF & CS. Stecher told JTA that a special endowment grant of $54,000 for each of two years was provided for the women's shelter by the Toronto Jewish Congress.

Women's World reported that B'nai B'rith Women of Canada has made its campaign against domestic violence a national priority.

The first goal of its campaign was to make the public, particularly the Jewish community, aware that domestic violence does exist and is a crime, and to educate women on steps to end the violence against them.

BBW sponsored seminars and public symposia, in cooperation with other women's groups, as well as funding publication of educational materials on domestic violence for teachers and volunteers.

In 1987, B'nai B'rith Women developed and printed a pamphlet, Protect Yourself, providing detailed advice to women who must flee from their homes.

Printed in English and in French, 35,000 copies have been distributed. The Ontario Medical Association asked for 18,000 copies for a special mailing to all Ontario doctors.

In June 1987, BBW began a public awareness campaign throughout Quebec, with the help of CBC Television, several radio stations and an advertising agency.

More than 1,000 service messages were aired during a 17-week period, in which both men and women spoke out against family violence, and directed listening victims on how to get help.

The Steinberg supermarket chain distributed more than 10 million grocery bags bearing the slogan "You Are Not Alone."

Holiday Inns of Canada offered up to 1,000 rooms to battered women unable to find other space.

Penny Krowitz, executive director, said her membership felt that "as a women's organization, BBW Of Canada must put itself on the line to address women's needs."

She said that by fighting wife abuse on several fronts — legislation, shelter, counseling, legal aid, outreach and education — BBW hoped to both help women and increase public awareness about a serious crime which society has chosen too long to ignore.

NCJW to run centre

The other facility, scheduled to open this month in Montreal, is much larger, says Lola Mendelson, director of development for the National Council of Jewish Women.

Mendelson said the 20-bed Montreal facility, named Auberge Shalom Pour Femmes (Inn of Welcome to Women), will be open for all women needing shelter from abusive husbands, but it is clearly meant primarily for Jewish victims.

Like the housing project, the Inn of Welcome will have a kosher kitchen. Mendelson said the facility is being staffed to provide legal and medical referral services and child-care and professional counselling. She said all Jewish customs will be observed.

NCJW, Montreal Section, has a goal of raising $1 million over three years for the Inn of Welcome, which is being housed in a building donated by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ellen, local Jewish philanthropists.

Aneta Stecher, B'nai B'rith Women staff person on the committee for the Toronto shelter, was asked about the contrast between the admitted enormity of the problem and the modest facilities available.

She said that the pilot program would be expanded as needed. Stecher told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the jointly sponsored facility is one step in a process that began three years ago.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

As you know, the deadline for the What's New and About People columns is now Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. However, with the holiday season coming up there will be some changes so please take note of these deadline dates.

As we will not publishing on Dec. 29, all items that would ordinarily appear in that issue should be included in the Dec. 22 columns (deadline Thursday, Dec. 8).

And for both the Jan. 5 and Jan. 12 issues, the deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 21.

For the Jan. 19 issue we go back to the regular Thursday deadline (Jan. 5).

I will be at my desk on those days to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Saturday, Dec. 3

SHABBAT AFTERNOON SERVICE

Narayever Congregation, 187 Brunswick Ave., (north of Harbord) invites the community to egalitarian Shabbat afternoon services on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. sharp. Join in for the third Shabbat meal, daven mincha and maariv, make havdala and light the first Chanukah candle together.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 588-0095.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood and Sisterhood is holding a Chanukah celebration and trivia night with prizes, latkes, refreshments and music on Saturday night, Motzai Shabbat, Dec. 3, at 7.30 at the synagogue social hall, 3600 Bathurst St.

The cost is $5 per person, $4 for children under 8. Admittance is by pre-paid reservation only. For tickets, call 787-1631 or drop in at the synagogue office.

As an added bit of information, the Brotherhood's opening event was an all candidates meeting (Eglinton-Lawrence) Nov. 6.

Sunday, Dec. 4

FIGHTING RACISM IN THE COURTS

Fighting Racism in the Courts is the topic of the talk lawyer **Mark Sandler**, national legal chairman, B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights, will be giving at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast meeting on Sunday, Dec. 4. The time is 9.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

YIDDISH CULTURE COUNCIL

You are invited to a lecture by **Prof. Eugene Orenstein**, assistant professor of Jewish studies, McGill University, on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 8.30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. His topic will be H. Levick, the poet and dramatist on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

The lecture is sponsored by the Yiddish Culture Council.

UPDATE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Dec. 4, **Dr. Harry Karlinsky** will be giving an Update on Alzheimer's Disease.

The meeting is at 9.30 a.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

By the way, all former Alumni members are welcome to attend.

AFTERMATH OF ISRAEL ELECTIONS

Congregation Habonim's breakfast club invites you to hear **Ellen Kachuck**, national director of international affairs of B'nai B'rith, discuss The Aftermath of the Israeli Elections on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. at the synagogue, 12 Hollaman Rd. (Bathurst and Glencairn).

The charge for breakfast and lecture is $5

CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PARTY.

A children's Chanukah party, complete with refreshments, magicians, music and lots of fun, is being held Sunday, Dec. 4, at noon at Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St.

There is no charge and all children are welcome.

JUDGE GIVENS TO SPEAK

On Sunday, Dec. 4, the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood lecture series presents **Judge Phil Givens** who will speak on My Visit to the Jews in Russia.

The time is 10 a.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission charge.

Monday, Dec. 5

GERMANY REVISITED

Following his recent visit to his native city Cologne to address a rally of German Christians almost 50 years after experiencing Crystal Night in Germany, **Rabbi Erwin Schild** will be giving an address entitled Germany Revisited: 50 Years After Kristallnacht on Monday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Downsview.

This evening is sponsored by the synagogue, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

The public is welcome and there is no charge.

THE HOLOCAUST IN PERSPECTIVE

Holy Blossom Temple's Monday evening series, The Holocaust in Perspective 50 Years After Crystal Night, concludes on Dec. 5 with The Next Generation: A Panel Discussion with **Harry Rasky, Elaine Todres** and **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**. Moderator is TV newscaster **Sandy Rinaldo**.

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The Dec. 5 program of Monday MAGIC, a women's group that meets at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30, will feature **Lisa Airst**, political journalist and noted lecturer, who will discuss Israel and the Media: The Effects of the U.S. Election on Israel.

Babysitting is available. For more information, contact **Eileen** at 486-5226.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group session on Tuesday, Dec. 6, will focus on the Book of Judges, Chapter V, with **Jack Burke**.

The group meets at 8.15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

TAPJCS MINI-WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service (TAPJCS) is hosting a mini-workshop with **Ferne Katleman**, a human resources specialist for the Council of Jewish Federations in New York. Her talk will focus on The Lay-Professional Team: Working with Boards and Committees.

Breakfast and program begin at 8 a.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Cost is $5 for non-members, no charge for members.

Call **Suellen Boyd** at 789-7071 for more information.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Artist **Laya Crust** will present a program, Designing with the Aleph-Bet.

Guest are welcome. For more information, call **Sue Krivel** at 630-1904.

CHANUKAH POT LUCK DINNER

Zahav Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, has arranged its annual Chanukah pot luck dinner for Wednesday, Dec. 7. The guest speaker, social worker **Marlene Walker**, will address the subject of Women and Friendship.

For further details, contact **Francine** at 925-2989.

ASHKENAZI & SEPHARDIC JUDAISM

Ashkenazi and Sephardic Judaism is the title of lecture **Emanuel Goldberg** will be giving on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m. at Workmen's Circle Centre, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

This is part of the 8-session series offered by Workmen's Circle in conjunction with the North York Board of Education. For information, call 787-2081.

LIGHT THE WAY TO FREEDOM

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, commemorates International Human Rights Day on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 12.30 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. The guest of honor will be noted Canadian author and journalist **Robert Fulford**.

The emphasis will be on the plight of long-term Refusenik **Viacheslav Royak**, a desperately ill man whose wife and three children have recently departed for Israel. Phone calls will be made to the Royak family in Israel and the Soviet Union and as well there will be a menorah lighting ceremony on their behalf. Also, a special video presentation on Refusenik life will be shown.

Come out and show your support of the Royak family in their struggle to be reunited. Admission is free and lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome.

For information, call 633-5100.

JEWISH PRACTICE

The Introduction to Jewish Practice series with **Rabbi Philip Scheim**, sponsored by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, concludes on Wednesday, Dec. 7, with Death and Mourning II. The lecture takes place from 7.30-8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

ANOREXIA BULIMIA GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at North York Branson Hospital, 555 Finch Ave. W. The next meeting will be Dec. 7, at 7.30 p.m. in the Trillium Room (near the cafeteria). All community members are welcome.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7.30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W.

The group will discuss Tell Us What You Want to See in Your Association, followed by a holiday party. Everyone is welcome.

The association holds monthly support groups

TORAH TEACH-IN

At the Ontario Branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Torah Teach-In held at Beth Shalom Synagogue recently, Marion Tully (left), Ontario Branch president, and Sandra Parl (right), Torah Fund chairman, Ontario Branch, congratulate Marlene White, vice-president, Torah Fund, Ontario Fund, for her innovative display of greeting cards in support of the Torah Fund residence halls at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

across Metro Toronto. For further information, call 486-8046.

Thursday, Dec. 8

ELECTION FALLOUT

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO presents Election Fallout, an expert analysis by **Shira Herzog Bessin** and **Hershell Ezrin** of the implications of the Canadian, American and Israeli elections.

The date is Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7.45 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue mezzanine, 1700 Bathurst St.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

And What Else Is New...

FAMILY FUN

The Jewish Camp Council is offering a cross-country ski holiday for families at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre in Parry Sound Dec. 18-Jan 2.

Design your own package — cost per person, double occupancy, is $50 per day, third and fourth person sharing room is half price and children under 2 years sharing room with parents are not charged.

Your price includes accommodation, three meals daily (prepared under the supervision of Toronto Jewish Congress, Orthodox Division), evening refreshments, cross-country skiing and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for adults and children. Based on last year's response, don't delay! Reserve now!

For more information, call 630-1180.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Prof. Sally Zerker, department of economics and social sciences at York University, is the guest speaker at the Dec. 10 Shabbat Study Luncheon at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Her topic is The Middle East After the Elections.

The luncheon is at noon, following services. The charge is $6.75 adults, $3.50 children under 12. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Wednesday, Dec. 7. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated.

RESPITE CARE PROGRAM

Jewish Family & Child Service is looking for host families to provide short term care for children with special needs.

A child will stay with the host family for a short period of time on a regular basis — for example, arrangements could be made for a weekend a month.

To find out more about the Respite Care Program, call **Harriet Wolman** at 638-7800.

CHABAD LUBOVITCH OF MARKHAM

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham is celebrating Chanukah in a big way!

A Chanukah extravaganza for children, complete with Sparkles the Clown, refreshments, a musical program and a grand raffle, is set for Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2.30 p.m. at Johnsview Primary School (south of John St., one light east

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of Bayview). The charge is $3 per person. For more information, call 886-0420.

Following the children's celebration, a menorah lighting ceremony with prominent city officials and dignitaries will take place at 4.15 p.m. at Bayview Ave. and John St. north-east corner in front of Thornhill Community Centre. There will also be a musical program and hot latkes and there is no charge.

The Chanukah trivia night and dinner is being held Saturday, Dec. 10, at 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd. The cost is $25 per couple. And there's a chance to win $1 million. RSVP by calling 886-0420.

GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE

Chaverim Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada will be sponsoring a holiday gift wrapping service at the Promenade Centre on the lower level beginning Thursday, Dec. 8 and running to Dec 24.

Money raised goes to BBW's charities.

ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND CAMP

A cross-country ski camp for boys and girls, ages 8-16, will be operated by the Jewish Camp Council Dec. 18-23 at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound.

This exciting winter package includes cross-country ski classes, equipment, winter sports, crafts and much more, all with excellent supervision. Food services are under the supervision of Toronto Jewish Congress, Orthodox Division.

The cost of $200 includes all of the above and transportation. For more information and to register your child today, call 630-1180.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Here's a list of special events taking place at Shalom Village Retirement Home in Hamilton —

Sunday, Dec. 4 — Chanukah celebration with the famous Wagman Centre Heritage Players performing Festival of Lights at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 11 — Simcha Sunday celebrating the birthdays of **Sylvia Coleman, Gertie Gurvitz, Mamie Halpern, Bessie Kenter, Sandor Szasz, Ethel Loebel** and **Ann Wasserman** at 2.15 p.m. Guest performers will be the Oakville Choir.

Sunday, Dec. 18 — Monthly pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. The charge is $3 residents, $5 non-residents.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 — Dance to the music of **Syd Royle** and the Golden Horseshoes at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31 — Bring in the New Year while singing and dancing along with **Jeff King** of Toronto. The charge is $3 per person. Everyone is welcome. RSVP by Dec. 15.

Shalom Village is located at 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton. The phone number is 528-5377.

CANDY TREES

The newly merged Jordana-Yamit Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is continuing to sell kosher candy trees throughout the year for any occasion. Fresh assorted candies attractively decorated in a new mug and delivered cost only $10. What a great Chanukah gift!

For information and to order, call **Cori** at 658-0154.

HYDRO STORE OPENED

The first Your Hydro Store was officially opened at Fairview Mall recently by Ontario Hydro chairman Robert Franklin (right) and North York Mayor Mel Lastman. The store provides free information and advice on how to make homes and businesses more energy efficient.

AM ECHAD CONGREGATION

Am Echad Congregation will be conducting bar/bar mitzvahs and wedding services at the soon to be completed Markham Suites Hotel located at Warden and Hwy 7 immediately across from the Markham Theatre.

The hotel's Markham Hall can accommodate up to 400 persons for luncheons and dinners following services. The congregation will conduct the services for those functions using the kosher kitchen at the hotel which is under the strict supervision of the Vaad Hakashruth, Orthodox Division of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The Conservative congregation has conducted High Holiday services at the Markham Theatre for the past three years in addition to services it holds at two locations elsewhere in Thornhill.

ATIDEYNU LODGE B'NAI B'RITH

Tuesday, Dec. 6, is movie night for Atideynu Lodge B'nai B'rith. Meet at the TD machine at Yorkdale Shopping Centre at 6.30 p.m. and then for coffee at approximately 9.30 at Casey's Restaurant.

For information, call 785-5982.

JF & CS VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to become active in your community? Volunteer for Jewish Family & Child Service in the following way — be a "big brother" to a boy without a father, help a mentally handicapped child or adult participate in recreational activities, drive a senior citizen or a foster child to an appointment, provide support to a single parent, visit a lonely elderly person in a nursing home.

For more information on how you can get involved, call **Lana Feinstein**, coordinator of volunteers, at 638-7800.

JSU/HILLEL EVENTS

Jewish Students' Union/Hillel, University of Toronto, is arranging a skating/Chanukah party on Saturday, Dec. 10, beginning at 8 p.m. You can bring your own skates (or rent from Harbourfront until 10 p.m.) and warm up at the private party at The Loft, York Quay, 235 Queen's Quay W. Latkes, sufganiot (jelly doughnuts) and hot and cold drinks will be available. Admission is free. The TTC takes you right to the door (77B bus from Spadina station).

Watch for upcoming January events. The Big Blast is set for Jan. 14 at the Silver Dollar and a road trip to the University of Michigan is slated for the weekend of Jan. 27.

For a good time call JSU/Hillel at 923-9861.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Make your reservations now and combine a cross-country ski holiday with a New Year's eve party at the Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre near Parry Sound Dec. 30-Jan. 2.

The cost is $200 per person, double occupancy, which includes accommodation, all meals (under supervision of Toronto Jewish Congress Orthodox Division), cross-country ski classes, a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities, a New Year's eve dinner and party with disc jockey. Families and singles are welcome.

For more information, call the Jewish Camp Council at 630-1180.

CREATIVE MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

The Creative Musical Variety Show, that popular group of senior entertainers from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living under the direction of **Elaine Duff** assisted by **Anne Sussman** will be performing at the following places during the month of December — Thursday, Dec. 1, at Central Park Lodge, 303 Queen's Dr., at 2 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 9, at Chester Village, 717 Broadview Ave., at 2 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Castleview-Wychwood Towers, 351 Christie St., at 2 p.m.

New talent is always welcome to join in the fun. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 10-11.30 a.m.

For more information about this group, call 222-0655 or 222-7422.

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

Space is now available in the Kenton Tiny Tots Coop for the January session. This is a program for 3 to 4-year-olds, running five mornings a week in the Bathurst-Finch area.

Activities include arts and crafts, music, story time and much more. Parents are expected to participate on a rotating basis. A daily kosher snack is provided.

For further information and registration, call 665-3669.

TEE OFF FOR MDAC

Leonard Mayzel Lodge B'nai B'rith has embarked on a program to aid the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada by selling a booklet of $400 worth of green fees (plus other discount coupons) for $49.

The booklet offers huge reductions in green fees at some 20 golf courses across southern Ontario. Other discounts include sporting goods stores, entertainment spots, restaurants and more.

So, if you love to play golf or are looking for a great gift idea for someone who does, this fund raising booklet could be the answer. And at the same time you will be making a valuable contribution to the drive against muscular dystrophy.

Order forms are available from all Canada Trust branches in southern Ontario, the Muscular Dystrophy Association headquarters at 150 Eglinton Ave. E., or by phoning **Marvin Cohen** or **Norman Ortofsky** at 736-4544 or 663-5705.

HADASSAH-WIZO CHAPTER TURNS 60

Guelph's Ir Shalom Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO recently celebrated its 60th anniversary with a luncheon at Beth Isaiah Synagogue. Honorees were national president Naomi Frankenberg and Fanny Brown, who was charter president when she and 15 other Jewish women founded the local chapter. Along with Brown, who now resides in Toronto, only three other charter members survive today, Fannie Brown of Hamilton and Ann Spegal and Ettie Brown of Toronto. From left are Joni Kilbert, Guelph president; Fanny Brown, Naomi Frankenburg, and Cynthia Flesher, co-convenor. Also on the committee were Sarah Tannenbaum, co-convenor, and Marthe Burnstein, Ruth McQueen, Bess Rosenberg, Bertha Weisz and Barbara Brown.

COPING WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

The non-profit agency, Senior Care, has developed a 3-pronged appraoch to helping families cope with Alzheimer's disease. The new program has three separate but related services —

Counselling Care deals with the family unit by providing the individuals and other family members the opportunity to share their concerns with a trained social worker.

Respite Care recognizes that the primary caregiver in the family also needs relief from around the clock supervision and nursing.

Family Support Group is composed of members of different families, who help each other with a social worker and a nurse acting as facilitators and educators.

For information, call **Lynn Gordon**, director of communications, or **Joyce Fleiser**, supervisor of home care programs, at 635-2860.

FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

A Chanukah program with refreshments, games and stories, for Jewish deaf and hearing impaired persons plus an organizational meeting to plan future programs for adults, teenagers and children, is arranged for Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2-4 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Family and friends interested in working with hearing impaired persons are welcome to join in.

For information, call the synagogue office at 633-3838.

SHAAREH HAIM HAPPENINGS

Shaareh Haim Synagogue of York Region will be holding its annual Chanukah party on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 2-4 p.m. at Bayview Secondary School in Richmond Hill. There will be food, entertainment, and lots of fun for the entire family. The charge is $2 per person and everyone is welcome.

Shaareh Haim invites you to attend a family Shabbaton on developing your spirituality through Shabbat on Saturday, Dec. 10. Services begin at 9 a.m. followed by kiddish lunch, study sessions/children's program, mincha, seudat shelishit, maariv and havdala. It all takes place at M.L. McConaghy Centre in Richmond Hill. The charge is $5 for adults and no charge for children under 10. Pre-registration is required.

For information about both programs and to register for the Shabbaton, call 884-3353.

A SHOW OF WATERCOLORS

During the month of December you can catch a show of watercolors by **Edith Wise** at North York's Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. The work is on view during regular library hours and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m.

THYROID FOUNDATION MEETING

The Thyroid Foundation of Canada Metropolitan Toronto Chapter is presenting **Dr. Douglas Schatz**, consultant in endocrinology, North York General Hospital, on Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. at Sunnybrook Medical Centre lecture theatre, 2075 Bayview Ave. His topic will be Thyroid Disorders Through the Life Cycle.

Everyone is welcome and admission is free. For information, call 740-7500.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Metropolitan Toronto Housing, which sponsors the Toronto Children's Breakfast Club, is in need of volunteers to assist at its breakfasr club holiday party. Volunteers would assist in the supervision of children's activities, the distribution of gifts and the preparation of food. The date is Sunday, Dec. 18, from noon to 3 p.m.

Club North York needs volunteers one evening per week to assist with a social and recreational program for socially isolated and

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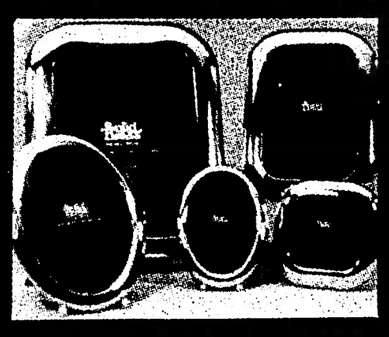

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Share your life with others, says rabbi-author

By
JOEL YANOFSKY

MONTREAL —

At first glance, it would seem that Rabbi Harold Kushner would have very little in common with novelists like Danielle Steele and Stephen King. As it turns out, though, they are all bestselling authors. Which probably makes Kushner one of the few rabbis in history to be able to claim that distinction.

His first book to make it to the top of the bestselling list was *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Inspired by the death of Kushner's teenaged son from a rare disease, the book was about how people who have been dealt blows by life cope with tragedy and maintain their faith in God.

Kushner's latest book *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough* became an immediate best-seller when it was published in 1986. That title also provided the topic for Kushner's recent lecture at the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

"Once we reach a certain age and we realize that we're not going to live forever, the question becomes how shall we live? Too often when people ask themselves this question they discover that they are dissatisfied with their lives," Kushner told a capacity audience of more than 600 people.

Like a Jewish Leo Buscaglia, Kushner is an engaging speaker who wraps up his philosophy of life and living in entertaining and inspiring anecdotes. Even though he raised some profound and perplexing questions, Kushner's advice was practical and optimistic.

He began by criticizing American society for the emphasis it puts on finishing first. "In the U.S. we define success as coming in first. Anything else is a failure. We don't pay off on second place . . . As a result, we automatically brand 95% of society losers."

Kushner added that even for people who climb to the top of the ladder there is the inevitable letdown — the feeling that it wasn't worth it. Finishing first, he pointed out, often means finishing alone.

"If I could summarize this lecture into two sentences it would be: the purpose of life is not to win, the purpose is to share and grow. The purpose is to become a mensch, a human being."

Kushner then proceeded to tell the audience some of the ways they could give their life meaning, some of the ways they could become a mensch. First, he said, share life with other people:

"The plague of American society is that men don't have real friends. We've been trained to see other men as competitors and rivals . . . When the famous Jewish philosopher Martin Buber was asked, where is God? His answer was revealing. he said, 'God is found between people.' That also implies that God is absent from the lives of selfish people."

Kushner is also concerned about the notion people have today that they can live their lives without acknowledging the presence of pain. The result, he says, is a generation of children and young adults unprepared to accept pain as part of life. "They go through life with a suit of armour on, unable to love or take risks because they are afraid of being hurt."

For Kushner, though, the most important step to living a full and rich life is by helping others. "In the midst of all this philosophy let me give you some practical advice. Three times a week do something generous for someone else. And don't just give money, give time . . . You'll be astonished how quickly you will feel good about yourself and your life.

"What I've discovered is that people are not afraid of dying, they are afraid of insignificance, they are afraid of being forgotten . . . But to matter in the world, to have a lasting impact, you don't have to win the Nobel Prize or cure cancer. Small deeds of caring and helpfulness change the world more than one big breakthrough."

During the question and answer period, Kushner said that the books he writes are not really meant for young people. He confessed that he is writing for an audience that is middle-aged and older.

"The thing I can't forgive our society for is that it sets the peak of life at the age of 25. This is a cruel, unfair message. And it's not even true. I'll tell you a secret no one else knows. Except for running fast and drinking coffee at night, there's no advantage to being young."

Eliahu Munk popularizes Alshech Torah commentaries

By
DAVID BIRKAN

A hearty yasher koach to retired businessman-teacher Eliahu Munk, formerly of Toronto, on the publication in Jerusalem of *Torat Moshe* (two volumes hardcover, no price stated).

Munk's editing and translation of 16th century Rabbi Moshe Alshech's Torah commentaries follow on the heels of his similar treatment of another seminal scholar, Rabbi Yitzhak Arama.

Rabbi Alshech, born and raised in Turkish Greece, settled in Safed as a disciple of Shulchan Aruch compiler Joseph Caro. In an era when mysticism and mitzvot were studied as a whole and not as separate specialties, Rabbi Alshech earned recognition as both a leading halachic authority and biblical commentator. As the latter, he invoked kabbalistic insights to underscore the connection between this world and the domains beyond man's immediate apprehension.

Deeds and mitzvot done or not done here reverberate in their effects throughout all the worlds of creation, he stressed. The mussar — ethical morality above and beyond the letter of the law — practised in this world provides a kind of conduit bringing kedusha, sanctity, down from the upper worlds.

Munk points out that Alshech also emphasizes the actual minimalism of the mitzvot, "that the demands made by the *ol derecheretz* (yoke of the secular world) are more stringent and far less rewarding than those made by God in His Torah."

One example of mussar is Rabbi Alshech's comment that the Torah names Reuben as saving Joseph (Genesis 37:21) — but does not name the brothers who suggested killing him — in order to praise meritorious action and avoid talebearing.

His explanation of Jacob's naming in Genesis 25:26 echoes the Divine scheme of history according to Jewish tradition. The newborn baby and future patriarch is named Yaakov — the future tense of the verb, to follow — "to indicate that the Kingdom of God as represented by the Jewish people will follow after the kingdom of Edom, i.e. Esau, has exhausted itself."

Munk's clear prose follows the Torah verse by verse. As in his earlier work, he occasionally employs a question-and-answer form to help stimulate reader involvement.

A small but significant improvement in the layout of the copy is Munk's use this time of indentation to mark paragraph starts. The flush-left starts in Akeydat Yitzchak tended to strain this reader a little.

Munk, who was educated in yeshivot in Frankfort-on-Main, Germany, and Gateshead, England, was a Jewish school teacher for 25 years in Toronto. He also pursued an independent business career. He moved to Israel upon his retirement several years ago.

Munk has succeeded once again in his written goal of "making available to the English reader a classic which had lost popularity due to difficult language . . . and lengthy form."

Torah Moshe is entering local Jewish book stores. Munk can be contacted directly at 4/8 Shalom Aleichem, Jerusalem, Israel.

This reviewer would be surprised if Munk were right now not popularizing a third classic commentator.

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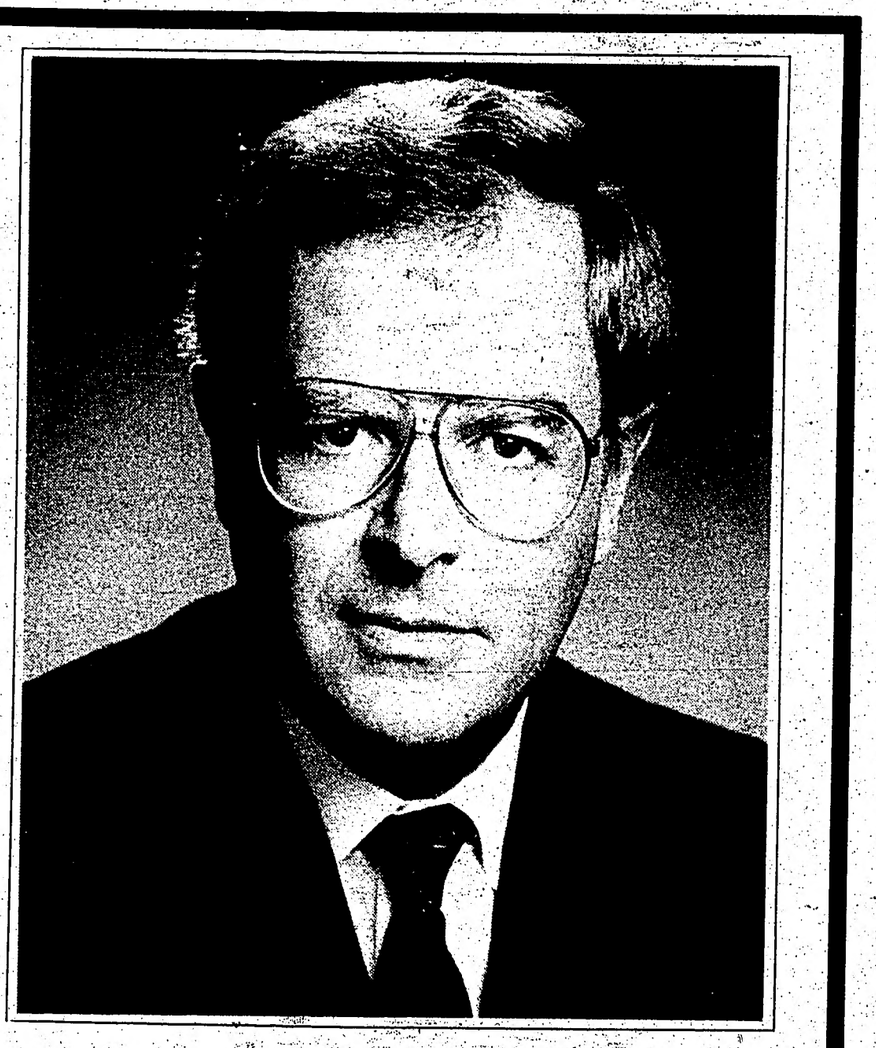

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Chanukah Greetings

"Illegal immigrants" return to Mauritius

By
BEN LYNFIELD

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Rita Deutsch was one of some 1,500 "illegal immigrants" deported to the remote Indian Ocean island of Mauritius from mandatory Palestine by the British in the early days of World War II. This summer, she returned as a guest to the island's Central Prison at Beau Bassin, where she was held for 4½ years.

During that internment, her father, Bernhard Friedmann, died of malaria. But Deutsch also met her husband, Joseph, while in prison.

"The prison looks exactly the same, and the visit brought back memories of my negative and positive experiences there," Deutsch said.

She was one of seven Israeli former detainees and their relatives to visit Mauritius, about 800 kilometres east of Madadagascar. They went to dedicate a plaque at the island's Jewish cemetery, where 128 detainees are buried. The plaque honors the memory of a non-Jew who had voluntarily tended the graves.

The former detainees were originally passengers on the ship Atlantic, who had arrived in Palestine from Central Europe in late 1940 without immigration certificates. It was highly unusual for Jews to be permitted to leave German-occupied territory, and some of them believe the Germans let them go to stir up anti-British sentiment among the Arabs in Palestine.

The British authorities were singularly unsympathetic. The order expelling the refugees to Mauritius stipulated: "It is not contemplated that they should remain in Mauritius or be allowed to come to Palestine."

Many travellers have described Mauritius as "a paradise," a description that certainly does not fit the Beau Bassin prison.

Men were kept in spartan individual cells in the main prison. The cells, however, were left unlocked. Women were housed in groups of about 30 in corrugated huts in an adjacent compound.

The detainees recall no instances of brutality or cruelty from British warders. And the harsher restrictions on freedom of movement and acitvities were lifted towards the end of the war.

Still, "life was unpleasant there," says Dr. Aharon Zwergbaum, who headed the Zionist society the detainees had formed. "The camp commander placed a lot of unnecessary restrictions on us. We couldn't leave the camp without special permission, which in good times was granted once every six weeks."

In February 1945, the refugees learned they would be permitted to go to Palestine. After delays caused by an epidemic, a hurricane and a shortage of ships, 1,320 detainees, including 60 children born in the camp, landed in Haifa on Aug. 26, 1945.

The Hebrew-inscribed tombstone of the 128 refugees buried on Mauritius bear witness to a colorful, if bitter, chapter in Jewish history. But there is no Jewish community on the island to preserve the graves.

A few years after the detainees left, Catholic architect Jacques Demarrais, citing his "feeling of brotherhood" toward the Jews, assumed responsibility for maintaining of the cemetery. He did so until his death in 1983.

In the early 1960s, when a hurricane damaged many of the tombstones, Demarrais painstakingly retraced their Hebrew lettering, based on a calligraphic form sent to him from South Africa.

"Demarrais was a modest, unassuming man characterized by a strong feeling for humanity," said Rudolph Rafaeli, chairman of the South African Jewish Appeal, who encouraged Demarrais.

Rafaeli and the executive director of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, Alec Goldberg, decided to intall a plaque commemorating Demarrais and his act at the cemetery.

At the ceremonies, former detainees met members of the camp staff who had helped them during their internment. Among these was H. H. Hargraves, the kind-hearted former assistant commander. Margraves, the ex-detainees say, tried to humanize conditions inside the camp and sympathized with their efforts to gain entry into Palestine.

An emotional reunion also took place between the former detainees and the camp's head nurse, Mrs. Mueller, a devout Catholic widely known among the detainees as "the angel of the hospital."

"She remembered all of us and kept asking about others now living in Israel," says Deutsch.

Diplomatic ties between Israel and Mauritius were severed in 1973, but pro-Israel sentiment on the island remains strong, according to the Israeli visitors. Many members of the Israel-Mauritius Friendship Society received technical and scientific training in Israel, especially in agriculture.

The society also maintains the Jewish cemetery, a labor of love it undertook after Jacques Demarrais's death.

Several graves received special attention during the recent Israeli visit. "I brought earth and stones from Israel and placed them on my father's grave and some of the other graves," said Rita Deutsch.

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Racism In Canada:

A SYMPOSIUM

by Julien Bauer

IS racism growing in Canada? One way to answer this question is to undertake a systematic survey of all racist incidents in the country. Such a list is only a relative indicator because the definition of what constitutes a racist event may differ according to different sources. How to compare a swastika on a public bench, a brawl between high school students of various ethnic backgrounds and racist graffiti? Another way of studying racism is to analyze the level of racism in official discourse. Our concern in this paper is not about the number and the gravity of racist incidents but about the apparently growing acceptance of racism in Canadian political discourse.

Racism Difficult to Define

The situation is paradoxical. Canadian policy is to extol the virtues of multiculturalism, as demonstrated in the recent Law on Multiculturalism. We are no more a mere combination of the "two founding races" with other undefined citizens, we are two founding nations *and* other ethno-cultural groups, each group having its own legitimacy. At the same time, the very politicians, or rather some of the very politicians who are involved in multiculturalism find a way to utter racist comments for their own purposes.

A statement may be racist on its face or racist in the sense of promoting, voluntarily or not, prejudice against a whole group. An example of unconscious racism was the written admonition to Provincial Premiers and Ministers by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Joe Clark, not to attend receptions and meetings sponsored by three Sikh organizations for fear of appearing to condone terrorism (December 1987). A few Sikhs may be terrorists; they should be judged and, if found guilty, punished according to the law. To denounce publicly as terrorist various Sikh organizations cannot but promote prejudice against a segment of a supposedly multicultural Canada.

Less clear is the use of massive force to settle a minor problem. In order to stop the alleged illegal selling of tax free cigarettes on the Indian reserve of Kahnawake, near Montreal, the Canadian Government sent two hundred and fifty combat-ready Mounted Police, a show of force never used against drug traffickers or environmental polluters. There is obviously a major political dispute between Canada and its native peoples. Was the show of force racist? Perhaps not, but it led to racist attitudes. A local M.P., co-chairman of a federal committee on multiculturalism, stated that those Indians "should be sent to Labrador" (*The Gazette*, June 4, 1988). This blatant racist utterance, widely reported in the media, was not publicly condemned either by the Conservative Party, or the Prime Minister.

Racist political discourse, either malicious or plainly stupid, is deemed acceptable. No one in a position of authority took it upon himself to condemn it. What happened in Outremont, a suburb of Montreal, should be seen in that light, not as a specific zoning problem but as part of an attempt to use racism as a political tool.

L'affaire d'Outremont"

What became known as "l'affaire d'Outremont" began in the Spring of 1988 with a demand for a zoning change in order to allow the construction of a Hassidic synagogue on a vacant lot of St-Viateur street. The demand was rejected after a stormy debate. What was an apparently innocuous event became a "cause célèbre"

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"LIBERATION" (1937-1952), BY MARC CHAGALL, MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS DE MONTRÉAL

Who are the actors? The about two thousand, five hundred Hassidim belong to various groups: Belz, Bobor, Klausenburg, Satmar, Skver and Vichnitz; the Lubavitch group lives further West near Westbury Avenue (Cf. Julien Bauer, "De la déviance religieuse: le sous-système hassidique à Montréal" in *Les mouvements religieux aujourd'hui*, Montréal, 1984, pp. 235-260). The opponents of the zoning change are mostly new French-Canadian residents of Outremont, close to nationalist *milieux*, often professionals and intellectuals, with links with the media. Gerald Leblanc, a columnist for *La Presse*, said on CBC he was one of the leaders of the antizoning change group (October 9, 1988). The main leader of the anti-Hassid campaign, Gérard Pelletier, is the head of the Parti du Renouveau d'Outremont, the opposition party to Mayor Choquette. He was jailed for armed robbery for the Front de Libération du Québec when Jérôme Choquette was Minister of Justice. His message is that he should be elected instead of Choquette as Mayor of Outremont, Choquette being too soft on the Hassidim.

Le Journal d'Outremont, a local monthly paper, used the zoning problem as the start of a racist campaign. In its July 1988 issue, it had no less than three articles referring to the problem, including an appeal for somebody to demand "the closing of an illegal synagogue, 1030 St-Viateur, in order to defend the quality of life in Outremont" (p. 8), antisemitic letters (p. 27) and a cartoon showing the Mayor in discussion with a Hassid about small houses; the shadow of the Hassid is a capitalist, a cigar between his lips and a huge building in his hands (p. 3). The August issue of *Le Journal d'Outremont* had a new antisemitic letter.

On September 13, 1988, the first day of Rosh Hachana, *La Presse* published a front page article about "le problème juif", followed by two columns by Gerald Leblanc, a mixture of anti-Anglo and anti-Jewish diatribes. The one appearing on Yom Kippur concluded it would be a good Yom Kippur penitence for English-speaking Jews to read this French column . . . The chief editorialist stated on September 21 that they would do it again. Eventually Lysiane Gagnon, another *La Presse* columnist, wrote a devastating attack against the anti-Hassidic campaign, becoming the first anti-racist voice in *La Presse*.

Thanks to the *Journal d'Outremont* and *La Presse*, the zoning change in Outremont is no longer a local problem concerning the Hassidim but a national one concerning the Jews.

As was the case concerning the Sikhs and the Indians, Canadian officials have answered these attacks against Jews with a deafening silence. No federal minister had anything to say, not even the Minister for Multiculturalism, Gerry Wiener. In Quebec, the Prime Minister, a resident of Outremont, remained silent. The provincial minister for Cultural Communities and Immigration, Louise Robic, stated on September 28, 1988 "she has pity on those who see living with Hassidim as a problem".

See No Evil

All this was in accordance with the Canadian national psyche which refuses to recognize unpleasant facts. Our officially heralded multiculturalism does not prevent ongoing racial prejudice and does not push our political leaders to condemn it.

Canadian Jewish spokesmen also participate in the national desire to refuse to face the unpleasant reality. Confronting a problem they are not familiar with (Hassidim and the eighty per cent of Quebec who speak French), they have tried to avoid the ugly face of anti-Semitism. There was no community-wide assessment of what the Outremont problem was all about, no definition of community goals, no choice of different tactics according to circumstances.

Congress and B'nai Brith Not Facing Reality

When approached by Gerard Pelletier, the League of Human Rights of B'nai Brith agreed to organize a meeting between the Parti du Renouveau d'Outremont and Hassidim (June 22, 1988). In order to promote an agreement between the two parties, in the best Canadian tradition, B'nai Brith maintained an even-handed attitude, as if Pelletier and his followers on one hand and the Hassidim on the other were both equally wrong.

Not to be outdone Canadian Jewish Congress entered the arena. Let us examine two declarations by Congress. On September 19, 1988, a press release

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

IN this issue we focus on the ongoing problem of racism in Canada and its most common manifestation, anti-semitism. In a symposium we ask the question: Is Racism Increasing in Canada? Our three articles are from Professor Julien Bauer, Michael Crelinsten and Jack Jedwab of Canadian Jewish Congress and Alan Shifman of B'Nai Brith. They examine not only the question posed, but the equally vexing problem of the proper community response to its manifestations, which in turn depends on whether the particular event is an isolated random incident or an expression of society's acceptance, usually silent, of institutionalized deprivation of the human rights of certain minority groups. On subtle questions such as these, it is impossible to expect unanimity, and our symposium, as expected, reveals differing opinions. Our purpose, as always, is to evoke thoughtful analysis and considered response rather than knee-jerk reactions to manifestations of racism, which, unhappily will always be with us.

The 'Intifada', the now popular term for the ongoing disturbances on the West Bank, is no longer 'hot' news to be splashed on the front pages of our newspapers. But durings its early days at the beginning of the year, most Jews felt instinctively that the uprising was receiving an inordinate amount of media coverage, most of it hostile to Israel. This spring Sally Zerker of Toronto organized a committee to monitor selected newspapers and TV programs on this question and has sent us a report which is truly remarkable for its detailed statistics, which demonstrate conclusively the unbalanced reporting that the Intifada received. She also presents a well-reasoned analysis of the reason for its imbalance which go beyond the standard explanation of anti-semitism.

Ted Miller has sent us, from Israel, a graphic account of his experiences in the Israel Defence Forces while on patrol in southern Lebanon. He found that the events evoked poetic memories of his adolescent experiences in a Zionist camp in Northern Ontario which eventually led to his making Aliyah. In his article he deftly intermingles the two experiences which combine powerfully to reinforce his conviction that Aliyah to Israel, even in the present troubled times, is still for a Jew the ultimate spiritual adventure.

Dr. Marvin Kwitko, of Montreal, who was instrumental in exposing the cynical exploitation by the Arabs of wounded Palestinian children for propaganda purposes, makes a powerful plea for recognition of the sophistication that has been developed by the Arabs in their manipulation of the world media toward portraying Israelis as the brutal oppressors of suffering Palestinians. He feels that the standard response of Diaspora Jews, which is more fund-raising, is not enough; we must marshall our intellectuals to expose that Arab propaganda and set the record straight. The article by Sally Zerker in this issue is an excellent example of the complexity of this task and how well it can be performed, if recognition and support are given to our intellectual community. We at Viewpoints are proud of the fact that for over ten years we have provided a national audience for the views of our Canadian Jewish intellectuals. ■

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stated: "The majority of Jewish and non-Jewish residents of Outremont have a very good relationship; this reality is particularly manifest in the September issue of the *Journal d'Outremont* where many neighbours of the Hassidic community have stressed their traditional good relations." Indeed, the September issue had many letters protesting the previous antisemitic ones; it had also an editorial condemning racism but key sentences were not very clear about who are the racists and who are the victims. There was no apology for printing the racist letters in the first place and no apology for the obscene cartoon described earlier. Taking the Congress press release for an appreciation of their job, the editors of the *Journal d'Outremont* thanked C.J.C. by publishing, in the October issue, a letter replete with anti-Semitic lines such as "chosen people", "according to them Gentiles are doomed and, in their eyes, you do not exist" (p.17). Dealing gently with anti-Semites had the effect of encouraging them in their anti-Semitic campaign.

The same refusal to deal firmly with anti-Semitism was revealed in a C.J.C. letter published in the October issue of *Le Journal d'Outremont*. In July, Claude Jasmin, a well known mediocre French Canadian writer, had composed, in a short letter, an anthology of all the usual anti-Semitic ingredients: "Jewish racism", "Jewish intolerance", "racist behaviour of Jews will turn against them; they will be the only culprit of anti-Semitism". This apparently rational letter was a most devious one: it put the onus of anti-Semitism on Jews. It was far more upsetting than a simplistic anti-Semitic August letter by Ms. Thérien denouncing the wealth of Jews, their big houses, their big families, their privileged status at City Hall... According to Congress "the letter of Thérien worries us more than Jasmin's one" and "we appreciate the hand outstretched by Jasmin to the Outremont Jewish Community; nevertheless, it is out of context to tax a group with racism because they do not answer him." To thank the author for one of the most vicious anti-Semitic diatribes to have appeared in years is beyond political analysis.

The Jewish spokesmen's answers were a microcosm of Canadian policy: appeasement accompanied by a few bursts of excitement. Such was the case of a Congress letter in *La Presse* (September 21, 1988) deploring the front page article on the "Jewish problem" as "reminiscent of Germany in the thirties".

Denial of the Facts

Denial of facts was also the official answer, both Jewish and non-Jewish, after the arson of the Poalei Tsedek synagogue on September 6, 1988. This arson, not related to the Outremont campaign, would have spurred in most Jewish communities around the world a mass demonstration attended obviously by Jews but also by political and civic leaders. In Montreal it leads to a statement by Canadian Jewish Congress: "we have no reason to believe that there is any antisemitic component to what appears, at this time, to be a simple act of vandalism." The arson of an historic synagogue did not elicit one word, if not to condemn anti-Semitism at least to mourn the destruction of a place of worship, by any political leader. The mayor of Montreal, where the arson took place, did not utter a word. Canada has thus invented a new phenomenon: the non anti-Semitic arson of a synagogue.

Two Questions

Outremont is not an isolated incident to be included in statistics about racism. It is part of a global attempt to make racism in general and anti-Semitism in particular acceptable and therefore normal ingredients of political life. Leaders will not resist this trend without strong pressure from society and anti-racist activists.

For the Jewish community, the first priority should be to emphasize as a permanent policy that any attack against any Jew as such is an attack against the whole Jewish community. What is needed is a long term strategy: given the Canadian system, what is the definition of the problem, what are our goals, what are the various tactics? The normal focus for such a community response should be the intended targets of anti-Semitism: synagogues and, in the case of Outremont, Hassidim. Because synagogues are targets of anti-Semitism, because they are close to people, because they are both a symbol and a reservoir of Jewish life, Synagogue Councils in various parts of the country, beginning with Montreal, should take charge of the dossier. They would require and obtain existing expertise presently not used or not used enough. They should promote a twofold policy: limit the spread of small problems, stand up and fight for big ones, such as the arson of a synagogue.

As far as political leaders are concerned, the upcoming federal election gives us an opportunity. Instead of the usual platitudes about multiculturalism, we should ask and encourage other groups to ask candidates, all of them, from all parties, two series of questions: where were you when Sikhs were labelled terrorists, Indians threatened with deportation, Jews under attack? What do you plan to do to limit politically motivated racism and if not to eradicate, at least curb the scourge of racism and anti-Semitism in Canada? ■

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by Michael Crelinsten and Jack Jedwab

THE problem of anti-semitism is extremely complex and difficult to understand fully. Equally so is the determination as to whether such a phenomenon is actually on the rise. Over the past year,, in particular, some observers have asked whether we are witnessing a real increase of anti-semitic sentiment in Canada. The answer is not simple.

In an article entitled "Anti-semitism in the 1980's", (Midstream, February, 1983) Earl Raab, then the Executive Director of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council, defined "two radically different views of the nature of anti-semitism". The first he described in situational terms wherein anti-semitism is best understood as a commodity. This type of anti-semitism is not solely expressed by "hard-core" anti-semites but also, irregularly, by amoral, indifferent people who embrace anti-semitism less for its anti-Jewish component than as a part of a larger political movement or social motivation.

In his second view he describes anti-semitism as universally innate. "Everyone is out to get us". In these terms, anti-semitism is at the forefront of people's thoughts. This perception generates among some Jews a certain "garrison mentality" that interprets unrelated events as coherent parts of a strong, orchestrated anti-semitic sentiment.

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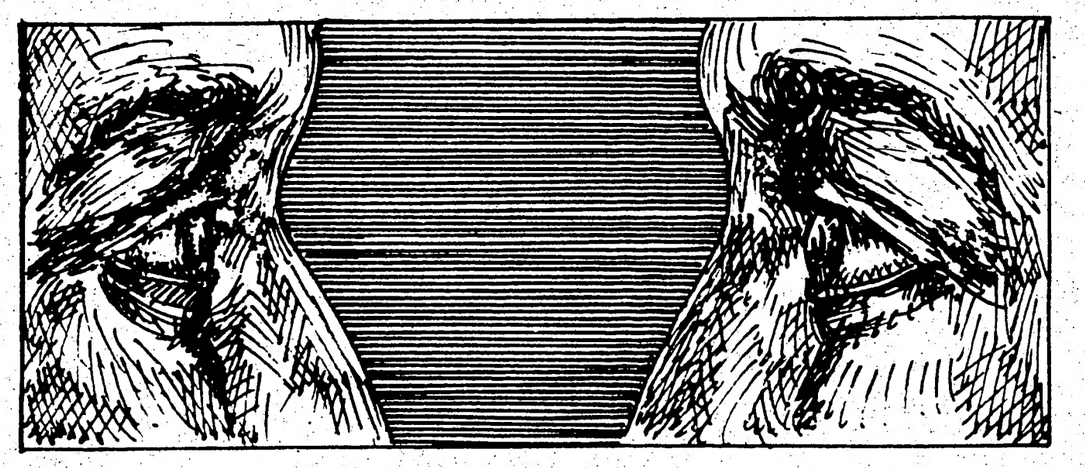

While it is essential to recognize the importance of events and not allow the first view to deterioriate into complacency, the second view should not provoke a state of paralysis for the Jewish community wherein "we have to pull up the bridge over the moat and defend ourselves against the world from the parapets".

Recent Disturbing Events

In recent months, two events have provoked profound concern in our community about the current state of anti-semitic sentiment and have received wide media coverage — the fire at the Poale Zedec Synagogue in Park Extension, and the controversy involving the Chasidic community of Outremont. It is useful to bear Raab's perspective in mind as we consider the nature of these two situations.

On September 6, 1988 an act of arson was committed against the Poale Zedec Synagogue. Occurring as it did in the midst of escalating tensions in Outremont, it had ominous overtones. There was, however, no damage to the Torah scrolls or other religious artifacts, no graffiti nor any anti-semitic notes. The police described the event as an act of simple arson. It was felt that the tabloid headline in the Montreal *Daily News* "HELP US" (for which it later apologized) was alarmist. Equally so was the observation that labelled what was an ambiguous event as "one of the most serious acts of anti-semitism against the community in 10 years".

Acts against religious institutions are traumatic but how community leaders respond to such events is critically important. In the Poale Zedec incident it is important to remember that there was much ambiguity, particularly since this isolated building had been previously and repeatedly vandalized without any evidence of an anti-semitic component. The credibility of leaders in our community rests, in part, on the perception that they judiciously evaluate and interpret the motives behind acts against the community and act accordingly and appropriately. While alarmist statements may lead to the belief that we are on the offensive against anti-semitism, such an approach, if unbalanced, may unwittingly create a defensive posture that misinterprets events and severely diminishes the community's ability to deal rationally and effectively with genuine anti-semitism.

What determines the reaction to an incident such as the arson at the Poale Zedec Synagogue is complex and subtle and often requires a judgement call at the time of decision. However, a public expression with an obvious and direct anti-semitic tone and content deserves swift, unequivocal response. The Poale Zedec incident was an act of uncertain motivation. It coincided with an ongoing situation in Outremont that, in its various facets, is clearly and unambiguously one of the most serious expressions of anti-semitism with which we have been faced in many years.

A spot-zoning change, requested by the Vishnitzer Chassidim for the construction of a new synagogue, was denied in a vote by the Outremont City Council. An ongoing debate around this request, characterized by highly prejudiced input from the Leader of the Opposition in the Council, had culminated in two virulently anti-semitic letters being published in the August issue of the local newspaper, *Le Journal d'Outremont*. A subsequent edition of the paper printed responses by many Outremont citizens which were highly critical of the authors of those two letters, Monique Therrien and Claude Jasmin. In addition, the paper contained an editorial denouncing the racist views of Therrien and Jasmin.

While this redress was encouraging, the situation was severely aggravated when, on September 13, — Rosh Hashanah — a news story entitled "Outremont discovers a 'Jewish Problem'" appeared on the front pages of *La Presse*, the largest circulation French-language daily in North America. The article, by Roch Côté, was replete with disparaging descriptions of the Chassidic community. In the same edition of *La Presse*, an influential French Canadian nationalist, Gerald Leblanc, reiterated many of Côté's statements in his opinion column. He went so far as to recreate the "victim as victimizer" by criticizing the Chassidic community for failing to integrate adequately into Québec society.

When an article such as Côté's appears on the front pages of major newspapers, it threatens the delicate fabric of tolerance and understanding which sustains our cultural mosaic. Côté's article was a clear example of profound insensitivity to the painful historical realities which haunt the Jewish community. To accuse the Chassidic community of being responsible for the discrimination being directed against it is more than an extremely naïve analysis of intercultural conflict. It is gravely anti-semitic in its interpretation of events.

The situation was still further exacerbated when, after opportunity for reflection, *La Presse* published an editorial which merely apologized for the inappropriate use of the term "Jewish Problem". *La Presse* referred to itself as being only an innocent messenger. Abrasive and condescending opinion columns by Gerald Leblanc indicated that he had clearly failed to understand the import of his and *La Presse*'s statements. The Chassidim were accused of bringing on their own travails by failing to integrate adequately. This was accompanied, in an Op-ed spread, by a vicious letter by one Marc Dufour reiterating the historical accusation of Jews meriting persecution because of their tenacious adherence to their own values.

Congress thus interpreted the *La Presse* coverage as an unambiguous and dangerously provocative example of anti-semitism with potential ramifications that reached far beyond the Poale Zedec incident. It was for this reason that Congress, in the first instance, denounced the paper and its journalists through letters to both the Editor and the Editor-in-Chief. We vigorously requested and followed through on a meeting with the Editor demanding a public apology and insisting that *La Presse* redress the matter with informed educational articles by respected scholars and journalists on the history and culture of the Chassidic community. It is for similar reasons that we continue to press for further meetings in this regard.

It is not surprising that the Outremont letters and the *La Presse* coverage received media attention across the continent. They were reminiscent for many expressions of anti-semitism that went largely unchallenged in the Québec of the 1930's. As Gloria Escabol stated in *La Presse*: "Le racisme des braves gens est insidieux et dangereux, parce que ses arguments semblent faire appel au bon sens de la majorité — et toute majorité est un pouvoir écrasent." (A public expression of anti-semitism, even if unwitting, by opinion leaders, has serious ramifications for it influences, with apparently rational statements, large numbers of people.) It is vital, therefore, for the same reason, that rational and thoughtful community leaders immediately and convincingly delegitimize such statements.

Representatives of the Chassidic community have stated "We have lived in the community for 30 years and have experienced only the most cordial and friendly of relations with our neighbours". Given the tension in the community which cast in doubt such continued relations, the second part of Congress' approach to the situation was to respond to the Chassidic community's outreach to us, to consult with them and thus to understand more clearly their perspective on events. The upshot has seen us take on something akin to a mediating role between the Chassidic community and the media.

Bearing in mind Raab's observations, we were encouraged by the expressions of support that the Chassidic community received from its non-Jewish neighbours in Outremont and by respected Québecois opinion makers which appeared in both the print and electronic media. The third component of Congress' strategy, therefore, has been to begin to mobilize high level ecumenical support both on behalf of the Chassidic community as well as to be better prepared for similar events that might unfold in the future. It is critically important not to underestimate the threat being directed towards the Jewish community. It is also important, however, to remain open to the potential for redressing incidents like these in a manner that can lead to greater understanding, diminution of fear and improvement in intercultural and inter-religious relations. It was with this in mind that Congress developed its approach with both the Chassidic and outside communities.

Vigilance But Not Xenophobia

Given the unique history of the Jewish people, no one can deny the importance of maintaining vigilance in dealing with anti-semitism, but taken to the extreme it will be difficult to avoid becoming xenophobic. Ironically, the racism we are attempting to combat is considered by many to stem from the very xenophobia we wish to avoid. There is no doubt that adherents to either of Raab's characterizations will still consider it vital to identify any real pattern of racism. But evidence of such a pattern must be based on both consistent and unambiguous acts. Alarmism can be as dangerous as naïveté.

The situation in Outremont represents a unique danger in our society. One analyst, however, has stated: "Il y a du racisme qui vise les Juifs au Québec, cela est évident, mais ce sentiment répréhensible ne se manifest pas dans la province française avec plus d'intensité qu'au Canada anglais." (It is evident that there is racism against Jews in Quebec, but this reprehensible sentiment is not greater than in English Canada.) Such a claim diminishes one's ability to distinguish the *La Presse* incident from other episodes. It inappropriately places unexpressed negative sentiment towards a group on the same level of significance as its public expression. In addition, by generalizing racist sentiment in this fashion, everyone is opened up equally to the charge of holding such beliefs.

In order to deal effectively with racism, it is essential that we work to avoid indulging in stereotypes. We must recognize that diverse views exist within cultural and religious communities. Political, social, economic and devotional distinctions are endemic to almost all communities. If we assume that communities, our own and others, are monolithic and homogenous, we will fail to challenge the generalizations that inevitably lead to stereotypes. This, to a great extent, is at the root of the recent difficulties with the media as described in this article.

The Dislike of the Unlike

A pluralistic society, by its very nature, is prone to the existence of some degree of rivalry, competition and negative sentiment both within and between groups. It is true of all groups that a sense of belonging is often predicated upon the need to exclude others to some degree. The more insecure the individual or group, the more forceful the expression. Whatever cultural and/or religious differences may exist, however, it is critical to recognize that the overwhelming majority of Canadians are committed to a respect for certain fundamental rights (e.g. The Charter, The Constitution) and the need for tolerance within a multicultural polity.

While vigilance, it bears repeating, must be maintained, it should not deteriorate to a point where the judgement of community leadership determines the worst case scenario in race relations without substantive evidence. Congress perceived such evidence in *La Presse*'s coverage and editorializing and acted accordingly in representing the community. We must bear in mind, however, that our broader social and educational objectives for greater awareness and understanding, as well as our need to protect ourselves, cannot be accomplished if our approach is solely characterized by mistrust and suspicion. With this perspective in mind, we will be able to respond effectively, while also continuing a reasoned debate about the nature of the problem with which we are faced. ■

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by Alan Shefman

THE question is not whether there is a problem of racism in Canada, but rather, "to what extent is racism a problem?" and, "how is this problem being dealt with?"

While at one time racism was considered to be only overt acts of bigotry, today, in a society which is much more sensitive to the needs of its citizens, it is accepted that racist behaviour encompasses the subtle acts of exclusion and restriction of opportunity.

There is regrettably little data available on the extent of racism in Canada today. While everyone knows that it exists in its many different forms around us, no one can say with a factual basis that racism, in the broadest sense, is growing or declining.

There have been studies published recently that consider various aspects of racism. They focus on a particular group, relate to a single issue or consider one component of racism such as racist groups. The closest to an all encompassing analysis of racism which tries to come to grips with this phenomenon is *The Review of Anti-Semitism in Canada*, published by the League for Human Rights since 1983. Even the *Review* falls short of completely fulfilling this role as it obviously focuses its attention on only one form of racism, that directed towards Jews. At the same time, *The Review*, which is composed of three components: an interpretation of public opinion surveys conducted on an annual basis; an analysis of the manifestations of anti-Semitism; and subjective essays by authorities in their fields, has included in its public opinion survey research three other groups on a regular basis: Poles, Italians and Blacks.

Negative Attitudes to Minorities are Stable

From the samples taken over the last five years all indicators show that negative attitudes to the groups under consideration are extremely stable. In response to the question about "power," an average of 11% of the respondents feel Italians have "too much power," 6.4% feel Blacks have too much, 3.8% feel Poles have too much and 15.1% believe that Jews have too much "power." Because this question has been used so often in the past an indication over a long period can be seen. If one looks at the American data the average of 14 polls conducted between 1938 and 1946 reveals that 47% of Americans felt that Jews had "too much power." This can be compared to the results of the last three years when only 8% responded to the question that Jews had "too much power."

Turning to the much less scientific calculation of incidents directed towards a particular group, the Jews; over the last 6 years the *Review* has revealed an average of 74 incidents taking place. There is no indication of any distinct trend that would be cause for extraordinary alarm. What is evident is that the attitudes of prejudice seen in the public opinion survey research, is also revealed in actions taken against the Jewish community. Regrettably, there is no other source of data compiling similar information on other groups in Canadian society at this time. What can be surmised though, because of the history of Jews having to confront and combat racism in Canada for such a long period of time, is that the more recent immigrant groups, and especially the visible minority groups, are facing many of the same forces that Jews confronted fifty years ago; physical violence and exclusion from many different parts of society.

While it is not possible to assess the extent of racism in Canada by looking for consistent, thorough studies, other indicators may be utilized.

It is more difficult to be a racist in Canada today than at any other time in our history. While at one time Ministers of the Crown and their deputies would proudly declaim their abhorrence of one group or another, today even the utterance of a prejudicial remark will ensure the rapid end of a political career.

Governments in Canada have never been very eager to confront in any serious manner the problem of racism. In fact our history, as so vividly revealed in the long overdue apology and compensation to Japanese Canadians for their internment during the second World War, has shown that very often it is the government that is racist. Even with this legacy and similar actions such as revealed in *None is Too Many*, Canadians, in general, have continued to look to government to identify this issue as being insignificant.

This is not a result of any feeling of urgency or a response to the urging of great numbers of Canadians by our governments, but rather the result of long hours of consultations, lobbying and brief-writing by many groups affected. Very often these efforts have been led by the Jewish community. A significant factor in the energizing of government is the recognition that there is a growing constituency demanding action.

Racism is Coming Out of the Closet

There is no doubt that the explosion of departments, programs and laws that have taken effect in the last decade has brought the subject of racism to the fore today. What we are seeing in effect is not an increase in racism (racism has always been alive and well in Canada), but, through various initiatives made by virtually every government in Canada, racism is "coming out of the closet."

Human Rights Commissions are an interesting example of this phenomenon. The first Commission was established 26 years ago in Ontario. Today every province except British Columbia has one. These Commissions are, without exception, being swamped with complaints about violations of their Codes. Ontario, for example, even with substantial increases in manpower and financial support over the last two years cannot keep up with the number of people coming to it for assistance. This does not necessarily mean that Ontario is seeing an explosion of racist actions. The problem of evaluating this information when trying to understand the extent of racism existing in Canada today, is that the Commissions are likely to be receiving more attention because of the greater awareness of their redress mechanisms and the extensions of their mandates.

No Recent Rise in Racism

Is the increased attention that the Federal Government is giving to matters of race relations an indicator that we are indeed facing a serious rise in the problem? It is not very likely. It is much more realistic to recognize that the new emphasis on multiculturalism through the establishment of a special department is based more on political expediency and a latent willingness to admit that a problem of racism exists to any extent. It is important to remember how difficult it has been to change the emphasis of official multiculturalism from its traditional singing and dancing to address the real issues before the ethnocultural communities.

To further emphasize the equivocal nature of the response of government to respond to racism you only have to look at how one of the most significant steps ever taken in Canada to attempt to understand this phenomenon was obscured. On December 13, 1983 the House of Commons established a special Parliamentary Committee on Visible Minorities. Regrettably, the name of the committee and its stated mandate reflected a failure of sorts. They failed to identify its real task — to investigate racism in this country. Its final report, submitted to Parliament in March of 1984 ultimately addressed this problem by stating in its introduction that its scope included, "other Canadians who are white, but are identifiable because of their name, language, mode of dress, or because historically they were victims." The final report, *Equality Now*, in spite of government's desire to shy away from the matter, provides a blueprint for action to define and combat racism throughout Canadian society.

Jewish Community Leads in Fight Against Racism

As has been noted above, the Jewish community has always provided leadership in fighting racism in this country, be it directed towards Jews or others. There have been few situations of either overt or subtle racism that have not evoked strong response from the groups designated to fight bigotry. Even the very fact that no other ethnocultural community has established an agency whose sole responsibility is to promote human rights and fight racism is an indication of the seriousness of the issue in the Jewish community.

The actions taken by the League for Human Rights on a number of issues illustrates not only the willingness to stand up and fight bigotry in a forthright activist manner, but also the broad range of tools available.

The Review of Anti-Semitism, as mentioned above does not only deal with negative opinions of Jews but also looks at a growing number of other minority groups in Canada.

Guidelines for Community Action, prepared by the League to assist leaders of the Jewish community respond to acts of vandalism, has now been revised in a generic version that has been adopted by at least two municipally based race relations committees.

When anti-Semitic graffiti began to appear in a number of different locations in Montreal this past June and July, the League co-ordinated a special briefing for community leaders with the police to attempt to develop better preventative and reaction measures.

When a black man was shot in the back by a police officer in Montreal recently and various community groups were protesting the racism of some members of the department, the League renewed its brief submitted earlier that the police must make extraordinary efforts to understand and build bridges to the people of Montreal.

When the native Canadian community in Niagara expressed its disgust and horror of the blatant racism of a local radio talk show host, the League offered to work with them. Ultimately the League made successful representations to the CRTC on the issue and assisted in a Criminal Code of Canada proceeding under the Broadcast Act, which led to a conviction.

In the Province of Ontario, when the matter of prayer in the schools was brought to the courts for consideration, the League applied for and was given standing. The end result of the case was to prohibit the teaching of prayer in the public school system.

Racism Will Never Be Entirely Eliminated

Even within Canada today with all of its efforts to build a society of tolerance and understanding, racism and anti-Semitism continue to flourish. Perhaps they will never be entirely eradicated. To ever falter in the efforts to fight the insidious nature of these forms of bigotry would be to fail to fulfill the legacy of Jewish history. The lessons of our past have made it all too clear that we must be on the leading edge of the battle. ■

"CHEZ LE COIFFEUR" (1912), BY MARC CHAGALL, MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS DE MONTRÉAL

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Israel in the Media During the Intifada

by Sally F. Zerker

FOR most Canadian Jews the uprising that began in Gaza on the 9th of December was not simply a matter of something terrible happening "over there." While living comfortably and securely in Canada, Jews nevertheless felt that something terrible was happening here as well. They weren't quite sure what it was, but an ominous cloud that many felt had the "stink" of anti-semitism seemed to be thickening about them.

Even so, this feeling of apprehension remained largely unexpressed outside of private conversations among Jews themselves. There was no public outcry, no protesting leaders taking their case to the authorities, and no rallies where Jews assembled to express both outrage and fears.

Why not? Because the emissaries sending out those fearful, reminiscent signals were the mass media. And, as we are so often told, the Canadian mass media are supposedly merely messengers delivering the "truth" to the public, and as such, extremely important for the health of our democratic society. Journalists present themselves as objective, value-free professionals, whose approach to the conflict between Jews and Arabs is also strictly professional, i.e. unbiased. As a result, most Jews felt uncertain about their own intuitive suspicions. It's difficult to confront media people without anything more than "gut" feelings, especially since Jews are too often accused of possessing a cultural paranoia.

This was the background against which I decided that we needed to know more about what the media were actually doing. Suspicions and impressions were not good enough. If the media were reporting the events and developments in the territories fairly, good! That in itself was important to know. If, however, they were not, knowing specifically how and why that was so, should help us all have more confidence in our own judgment, and provide us with material with which to confront the media.

Creation of Media Monitoring Committees

That's why the Media Monitoring Committee came into being. I called upon a number of intelligent and committed people to learn a technique of monitoring called content analysis, and to do the work on a rotating basis. Most of our efforts in the beginning went into monitoring three newspapers: *The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star* and *The New York Times*. The *Globe* was chosen because it is the closest thing we have in Canada to a national newspaper (and gives itself that designation), the *Star* because it has the largest circulation in Canada, and *The New York Times* was to act as a control, to be used for comparative purposes. We have also monitored three television news broadcasts — the CBC *National* and *The Journal*, CTV national, and CBS national — but our efforts here have been more sporadic. By the time we became organized well enough to take on the difficult and time-consuming job of monitoring both the newspapers and the network broadcasts, television reporting of the uprising had dropped considerably, thereby creating an irregular output for monitoring purposes.

The newspapers, however, were consistently monitored over a crucial four month period, from March to June (inclusive). This process was enormously informative; we all learned a great deal about the way in which the press reported the events of the uprising in particular, and how they dealt with Israel generally. But one cautionary note is warranted here — content analysis does not tell us anything about motivations. It is a method that reveals only what was done, not why it was done.

Now what exactly did we find? First, let me say that the newspapers were unrelenting in their coverage of Israel. It was not simply a matter of covering the uprising, but rather of focusing on Jews and Israel in general. I found that through the months of March and April, not a single day passed without at least one item on Israel, although it was a rarity for just one such item to be published on any given day. By my calculation, the *Globe* averaged 4 items and the *Star* 5.1 items per day through these two months. And the pattern remained pretty much the same during the month of May. It was only during June that there was some reduction in the volume of coverage.

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Media Obsessed By Israel

In my view, such intense scrutiny is indicative of a kind of obsession. The word "obsession" usually refers to unreasonable or abnormal behaviour that is persistent. The data gathered by the Committee members undoubtedly fit our understanding of obsessive behaviour. By any objective measure, the subject of Israel and Jews does not warrant that much notice for Canadian readers. Nor does the uprising on the West Bank and Gaza.

We found that the Canadian papers were far less balanced in their approach to the subject than *The New York Times*. That is to say, the *Times* gave its readers more complete and well-rounded stories, offered contrasting opinion pieces regularly, and utilized appropriate captions for pictures. These characteristics were far less evident in the Canadian newspapers.

Another aspect of newspaper coverage that was revealed through this monitoring process was the way in which pictures were utilized. We found that pictures were used in a misleading way, creating a biased, negative image of Israel. For example, when I counted the pictures used by the *Star* during the critical month of March, out of 23 pictures relating to the clashes in the territories there were only two that showed Israelis as victims. Overall, the pictures and their captions gave the impression of a one-sided brutality meted out by the Jews to the Arabs. Moreover, there were many instances of pictures used that had no bearing on the stories they were accompanying. This practice, though identifiable in the newspapers, was even more common on the television screens. So, for example, the story verbalized by the announcer is telling us about Shamir's visit to Washington, but the background pictures show gun-toting Israeli soldiers running after Palestinian youths.

Since it is generally conceded that newspaper headlines are the most impressionable feature of a story, our survey concentrated on the headline itself; its placement on the page, the boldness of the type, and its main theme. Our researchers repeatedly noted how headlines in the *Star* and *Globe and Mail* reinforced the image of Israeli brutality, intransigence, callousness, etc. by the choice of words and by the juxtaposition on the page. On the other hand, the headline writers seemed altogether to ignore the instigation of violence by the Palestinians. Thus, as the stories out of the territories proceeded from day to day and from month to month, a false, one-sided view of the conflict emerged, in which Israel alone was the apparent cause of the bloodshed and misery in the region.

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As the evidence of bias piled up, members of the Committee struggled with the following troubling questions: why do our media want to convey this negative impression of Israel, and how come there seems to be such a coordinated attack on that country? Several of our researchers thought that the answer to both questions was obvious. It was anti-semitism, pure and simple (or rather, not at all pure and hardly simple)!

But I thought that this explanation was not good enough, even though I don't doubt that some people who work for and influence the media must be anti-semitic. After all, it's unlikely that this part of Canadian society is untainted by that particular form of bigotry which has such a deep and tenacious history here. On the other hand, it must also be true that some people who influence the media are *not* anti-semitic, because in this respect too, media personnel probably reflect the composition of the Canadian public. I also find it hard to attribute the seeming similarities in the various media outlets to anti-semitism because such coordination would require the operation of some kind of massive anti-semitic conspiracy. Do you believe in the existence of such a conspiracy? I don't. So, that's why I'm not satisfied with "anti-semitism" as the rationale behind the evident media bias.

Factors That Explain Anti-Israel Bias

That doesn't mean that this highly disturbing ramification is merely a matter of chance, that one cannot fathom its source or its motivation. On the contrary, this phenomenon is quite understandable in the context of modern mass commercial media operations. I suggest three extremely important factors that can help us comprehend this development: (1) the nature of the modern mass media business, (2) its highly centralized character, and (3) the lack of expertise among journalists who write about the Middle East.

News Is Big Business

(1) Our newspapers, television and radio outlets are business enterprises. True, we do have the CBC which is a public corporation, but nevertheless it too is governed by the same objectives as its private competitors. They all aim at capturing the largest possible following. Obviously it's good business to provide simple fare that doesn't take too much effort or knowledge on the part of any potential audience. That's how one reaches out to the widest possible circulation or following. This explains too why editors concentrate on headlines to arrest readers' attention. The headline is usually the only part of the story that a very large proportion of newspaper readers bother reading. It's also why television news shows follow the same dictates that any other aspect of show-business does.

Students of journalism learn that they must say everything they wish to tell about a particular story in its first paragraph, and also that they must write these few sentences in a distinctly captivating way. To execute these specialized demands, news has taken on the characteristics of a simple morality play. The analogy that fits is that of a cowboy picture, with someone or some group on the side of "good", and an opposition on the side of "evil". There's no room in this setting for qualifications, for historical relevance, for middle grounds, or for in-depth analysis.

In an earlier column (*Canadian Jewish News*, 2 June 1988), I analysed the process by which Israel ended up on the "evil" side of the ledger. The shift began after Israel's miraculous salvation during the Six Day War. But that war also created a public relations problem for Israel. Cowboy pictures inevitably empathize with the underdog, and Israel could not be much of an underdog if it was capable of that remarkable military victory against the combined forces of Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Jordan.

This success by Israel was followed by another amazing, fortunate turn-around in the tide of warfare during the Yom Kippur War. More and more, the press started representing Israel as the new Sparta: militaristic, highly disciplined, overbearing, and arrogant. Remember all those so-called sympathetic articles that worried about the soul of Israel?

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In addition, the decade following the Yom Kippur War was OPEC's era, when it seemed like the whole world was intent on pandering to the oil sheiks. The price the oil consumers paid, in addition to $40 plus for a barrel of oil, was public condemnation of Israel and its diplomatic isolation. One would have thought that, under these circumstances, the press should have favoured Israel again, since it was victimized as well by the inflation in oil prices. But at that point the Arab propaganda machine proved very well "oiled" and most effective. The Arabs linked their monopolistic pricing policy not to their profiteering practices but to Israel's failure to meet their political demands. And the press bought this ridiculous claim! Sheik Yamani became a new star of the media, and a political pundit to boot. By then Arab propaganda techniques had adapted the rhetoric to suit Western tastes, and Yamani was an ideal sophisticated spokesman for the Arab cause.

Subsequently, just about the time OPEC's clout was waning, Israel sent its forces into Lebanon in the summer of 1982. This action proved to the Western press' satisfaction that all the earlier imagery of Israeli militarism was prophetically true. Also, the press had virtually ignored the internecine battles that had ravaged Lebanon for five years prior to the Israeli invasion, thus leaving the impression that the cruel destruction of the country and its population was due solely to the Israeli invasion. Hence, Israel on the side of "evil" in the press' simplistic morality play was further reinforced.

News Gathering Is Highly Centralized

(2) This process did not take place in separate, random, isolated incidents. As I said before, I don't hold with the theory that we had a conspiracy in the sense of an organized subterfuge in operation here, but it might just as well have been a conspiracy. Ask yourself this telling question: out of the hundreds or thousands of possible stories on any given day, how come all the news media and all the individual outlets select precisely the same handful of stories, often delivered in exactly the same order? The answer is that present-day news gathering and distribution is highly centralized, in large part through news agencies like Reuters and Associated Press. Moreover, since news production is very competitive, enterprises carefully observe others' programming and often lift each others' stories. Again, profit-motive is at the root of this centralization and competitive behaviour. It's cheaper to buy stories for all but the largest media businesses than to set up one's own foreign bureau, and as in other commodity production, it is good business to defend against one's competitors coming out ahead. Hence, once the centralized structure follows a particular view, that view becomes the respectable and responsible position. Only the best and most knowledgeable individual enterprises digress from conventional doctrine. This exception does not apply to Canadian newspapers and networks that we monitored.

Reporters Are Unqualified

(3) Finally, a word about the people who write about the Middle East in Canada. In general, journalism is a profession in which its practitioners are trained for technique not for substance. Moving journalists about from one field to another is common practice in the trade because what counts for them is good professional technique. If these are honed and sharp, it is assumed that the skills are readily transferable from one subject to another. Out of such practices we have in Canada a condition that I call the Anne Medina syndrome in reference to Middle East reporting. Let me explain why I've chosen this nomenclature and what it means.

Anne Medina was the CBC "expert" who reported to us from the battle front in Lebanon during the Israeli expedition. When she returned to Canada she spoke at a public meeting that I attended. During the question period following her talk she was asked what she knew about the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict before she was sent by the CBC to Lebanon. She volunteered quite candidly that although she knew practically nothing about the region at the time of her assignment, her staff prepared a thick file that she was to read on the airplane in preparation for her new duties. So, the first part of the definition of the Anne Medina syndrome refers to the lack of knowledgeable preparedness within the profession. Secondly, I call this condition a "syndrome" because such deficient qualifications for foreign news gathering is a perfectly acceptable standard for Canadian journalism. It's the common state of affairs, not some aberration.

Lack of substantive knowledge on the part of the personnel who cover the Middle East manifests itself in a slavish repetition of the current "respectable" line emanating from the centralized distribution agencies. Since it takes mastery and self-confidence to deviate from the prescribed formula, the lack of these qualities means that we cannot expect the Canadian media to show much independence.

Outlook not hopeful

My conclusion is not too hopeful. I must admit that I don't expect any appreciable improvement in Canadian media treatment of Israel in the near future. To demonstrate why I hold this view let's imagine some changes in the Israeli scene which some people believe would improve the representation of Israel in our media.

Let's assume that Israel offered major concessions regarding the West Bank and Gaza. Would that help change things dramatically in the media? I'm afraid not. At least not in the short term. Again, if my analysis is correct, the alteration we are looking for requires a total revision of the morality play, which at present proffers the "powerful" and "aggressive" Israelis oppressing the "downtrodden" Palestinians. Were Israeli concessions to be made, and if the media personnel failed to understand and appreciate the risks and sacrifices this would entail for Israel's citizens, the relative "rights" and "wrongs" between Palestinians and Israelis would remain more or less as they now are. Frankly, I don't see evidence that persuades me that our media personnel have the independence of mind and the insight to recognize the risks involved.

Thus, since I see little on the horizon that should soon lead to a revision of those two competing roles in the symbolic morality play, that of the Palestinian Arab on the side of "good" on the one hand, and the Israeli Jew on the side of "evil" on the other, I'm resigned that there will be a continued need for us to monitor the media and for informing the public about our findings. I'm convinced too, given what I've learned about the media, that at present the only good news for Israel here in Canada is no news at all. ■

We'd Better Do Something Before It's Too Late

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THE malaise and complacency demonstrated by the various Canadian Jewish organizations in the recent propaganda scandal of bringing injured Palestinian children to Montreal eye doctors, demonstrated how the opposition has not only equalled our ability to present our story about Israel, but have actually left us behind in their ability to tell the Palestinian story. One does not even have to ask where the idea of throwing rocks came from. When in Israel, you need only find yourself in the midst of an Orthodox Jewish demonstration, either in the Meir Shareim or near a movie house on Friday night and you will see plenty of rocks flying. I am sure some Arabs saw this scene and said (in Arabic of course), "What a great idea, maybe we should use it."

The future battles in the Middle East have reached a new and different plateau. These battles will not be fought with tanks and planes, but by subway posters, newspaper propaganda and T.V. melodramas.

It is not unlike the television industry in the United States twenty years ago. At that time, Admiral, Zenith, R.C.A., Magnavox, etc., controlled the American market. These companies became old, complacent, conservative, lazy, careless and over confident. The Japanese quickly recognized the void. They seized the opportunity, corrected the defects in the American programs and soon took over the whole market. We now buy Sony, Pioneer, Sanyo, Hitachi, etc.

Defects In Our System

In the same way, Palestinian intellectuals have recognized the defects in our system and detected a void. Over the forty years since the founding of the state of Israel, each crisis was met with the same solution — raise more money. This would buy tanks, planes and arms to protect against and defeat invading Arab armies. And until 1987 it worked!

The Arabs of 1988 are not the same Arabs of 1948. They are sophisticated, educated, worldly, dedicated and well-financed. Technology, including Israel's recent development of a spy satellite, has shown them that they cannot win a conventional war. The element of a surprise military attack on Israel is now most unlikely. They are at least smart enough to learn from their mistakes.

The present war will be fought in the T.V. stations and newspapers in Canada, the U.S.A. and Western Europe. The fighters will not be the Combined Jewish Appeal canvassers, but writers, debaters and intellectuals, certain of their information and dedicated to its dissemination, while open to self-criticism when mistakes are made.

A Mutual Admiration Society

A recent meeting of major Jewish organizations in Toronto was reported to have made the decision not to criticize each other for failure to combat the recent positive onslaught of Palestinian news coverage. In other words, they have become conservative, careless and over confident, just like the T.V. companies. They can rightfully be called "a mutual admiration society." And what was the response of the Israel consular office? Just a feeble reply, "It's propaganda," rather than an in depth, detailed, statistically valid account to contradict the contents of newspaper articles. But you have to have someone who can write these responses, otherwise you are fighting a blockbuster with a pea shooter. And the appearance of injured children on television is a real blockbuster.

The purpose of the present Palestinian program is simply to convince the European, Canadian and American people that they have been injured, dispossessed, deported, bullied, harrassed, wounded and killed by the "occupiers." This has been shown in bus and subway posters in Washington, Boston and New York. If they succeed and turn public opinion against the Israeli cause, legislators will then cut back on military and financial aid, as well as support in the U.N. (such as it is). Americans like the underdog, and that's exactly how the Palestinian cause is presenting itself to the American people.

Can we just sit around our Maginot line of complacency when our opposition has simply passed us by? We had better not!

Intellectuals Must Be Recognized

Pro-Israel intellectuals, of whatever race, religion and language group, must be mobilized, consulted, encouraged and placed in an important position of influence; not simply tolerated by the old organizations as they are at the present time. You can only win when you respect the abilities of your opposition.

The injured children propaganda scam was stopped in its tracks. In other words, we finally got our act together. So it is possible to counteract this type of activity. But the problem has to be faced calmly, analytically and intelligently. It must be acted upon with speed, accuracy and basic academic talent, either your own or someone else who has a proven track record. While the fund raiser and the generous donor are still important, the new hero for the 90's will be the intellectual; theirs against ours.

Constructive self criticism, honesty and integrity will be the keys to success. ■

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The Ultimate Jewish Adventure

by Ted Miller

WITH the first burst of gunfire I instinctively drew the bolt on my M-16 rifle and reached for the handle of the ambulance door. For a few seconds there was total confusion as bullets and the echoes of gun shots bounced off the tall buildings around us. I slid out of the ambulance and quickly flattened myself against the sidewalk, wedging myself tightly against a parked car. Searching in bewilderment for the source of the fire, I could see Lebanese civilians fleeing down the street toward us. One man, followed by his screaming wife gripped his limp left shoulder in a vain attempt to stop the bleeding.

Just the day before I had surprised my young medics by hitting one coke can after another in the makeshift shooting range behind our post. However, as I am a doctor, and was over thirty-five years old when I entered the army, I had received scanty combat training. This ambush was my first action, and as I hadn't a clue as to what was expected of me, I prudently stayed put.

After nine years of civil war the Lebanese shopkeepers and construction workers could sense this was a hit-and-run affair. Within minutes they had returned to their business. I was a little less sanguine about the incident but, embarrassed by their example, I was soon on my feet surveying the damage. The ambulance had been hit and was bleeding gasoline onto the road. No one in the ambulance or the accompanying jeep had been hurt. The Lebanese civilian whose car had been caught in the cross-fire was already installed in a local hospital and his wife, about eight months pregnant, had returned with a friend to remove their bullet-ridden car. By a miracle she hadn't been hurt. The terrorists, who had shot at us from a side street, had sped away.

A day earlier a unit of five terrorists had been intercepted near the next outpost up the coast from us: three were killed and two were captured. And just the night before, an Israeli soldier and an intelligence officer had been killed in an ambush. Our incident was small change in a period of increasing terrorist activity. It didn't even make the papers.

"Be ready at six, we're going *'out on the terrace!'* " The order came from a red-eyed paratroop lieutenant almost half my age. It was December 1983 and I was spending my first reserve duty in Lebanon at a base camp overlooking the scenic Christian village of Jezzine. With that order I was being attached to a reconnaissance force made up of about eight armoured vehicles who were going to make another periodic loop through the area in the hills north of our line at the Awali River. It was a show of strength, a waving of the flag in an area from which Israel had already withdrawn, but in which none of the various Lebanese factions had clear control.

I quickly learned to brace myself against the bone-wracking jolts of the armoured troop carrier that was our ambulance. The roar of the engine and the cackling of the wireless attached to my helmet made any attempt at conversation useless. The scenery, however, was ample compensation. Everything was green and water ran off the mountains in countless streams. We crawled along the south side of a steep ravine cut by the river more than a hundred meters below. Both sides were heavily wooded, and here and there small villages somehow clung to the rocky slopes. As we worked our way down by a series of hairpin turns I could see white water in the river below. Rapids! I felt a primordial thrill unrelated to the excitement of men in arms. Those rapids carried my thoughts downstream to a different time.

Around the bend the rushing current formed a sort of funnel carrying us, helpless, towards a large rock right in the middle of the river. This trap had already claimed our first canoe and had badly injured our tripper. "Bowman out!" Without hesitation I went over the side, hardly tilting the canoe as I went. As the sternsman ruddered fiercely, the lightened bow lifted up and swung sharply to the right, carrying the canoe safely past the boulder. I was only slightly scratched, wet and cold, and — at fourteen years of age — very proud.

Our convoy had finished its descent and we headed along the river bank to the crossing point. A small army camp controlling traffic over the river looked like something out of MASH. Mud and tents and more mud. A rest stop. We got down off our vehicles, stretched our legs and wandered down to the river. The officers tried out their guns on a rubber tire washed up on the opposite bank. The river flowed past quickly with a low gurgling sound. The stone bridge down to our left looked familiar; it could have been found crossing a river in Muskoka or Haliburton.

The strong head wind surprised us in the middle of the lake. Blinded by sweat and bow-spray we fought our way towards the portage trail at the end of the lake. With machine-like strokes we fused together into one force, as we and our canoe became one with the wind blown lake — like Jacob struggling with the angel.

As I was a counsellor acting as tripper I set off ahead with a canoe and one pack on my back. Up the Devils' Staircase and across The Flying Mile. It was as much a pilgrimage as a portage as I joined the long line of Indian hunters, voyageurs, and pioneers who had crossed this trail before me. Doubling back for the second canoe I felt light and strong. The laughing woodland stream beside the trail shared my exhilaration. At the end of my return trip I took a short cut into the campsite, climbing over a rail fence with my canoe and pack balanced on my back. An astonished French Canadian camper at the site asked me in admiration if I were part Indian. I just blushed, but said to myself "No, I'm a Zionist."

It had all started at Camp Shalom. The camp director greeted us on a chilly evening in late June as we stood around the flagpole in a U-formation. He spoke of how we were all like one big family at camp, and how we were part of the larger family of the Jewish people. He compared our small camp — only five years old — with the struggling State of Israel also five years old. At the end, we all solemnly placed our hands over our hearts and pledged never to forget Jerusalem. We movingly sang Hatikvah, *and I began my life as a Zionist.*

We sat crosslegged on the grass in a circle around an earnest counsellor with a clip board. We learned from Trumpeldor how good it was to die for our people. Later we put on a play about Theodore Herzl and we learned to dance the hora. *At the end of camp we awoke in the middle of the night to go out and set up a clandestine pioneer village on the rocky plateau of the Canadian Shield. The dream was planted and it gradually took hold.*

We had climbed the opposite bank and had travelled for about one hour, managing to pass through only one village before we came to a grinding halt. Coded messages went back and forth from the command vehicle to the base, and rumours worked their way down the line: "Mechanical problems," "fighting between Druse and Christians," ". . . between Shiites and Druse." Disappointed, we were being sent dragging back forty kilometers to the south to guard one of the roads leading from Answar prison. Israel had just agreed to exchange hundreds of terrorists for a few captured Israeli soldiers. My day of glory came to a prosaic end. I slept that night exhausted on the hard ground under the stars. It was like my first overnight at age eight organized for us on the moss-covered rocks not a hundred yards behind our bunk.

On days when it was too cold or windy to go swimming we would sit cross-legged on the grass. We would be drilled in ten ways to save a drowning man from the shore, or in the special jargon of bow and thwart. On other days we would practice artificial respiration. Standing before us was that same earnest counsellor with a clipboard and a message.

That message was a mixed-message. The rapids of the Awali evoked for me that day the inherent ironies to growing up a Zionist in Muskoka. We were being instilled with a love of Israel, yet we were learning to love the Canadian lakes; we dreamed of the rebirth of our people in a distant desert, but we were being trained to survive in Algonquin Park. I can imagine myself in a fevered fantasy dreaming of the one-armed Trumpeldor valiantly fighting off the red-skins in Kaffiot as the brave pioneers of Tel Hai lash pole to pole under the northern lights.

It is inevitable that the ghosts of Canadian mythology should haunt a Zionist camp set neatly in the heart of Muskoka. The very names of the lakes echo with the sounds of tribal dances. It is not the bipolarity of our myths that disturbs me now. On the contrary, I was enriched by that uniquely Canadian experience of intimacy with nature. Those canoe trips were not just adventures to be told and retold until they were canonized in the oral history of the camp. Each trip was, in addition, a spiritual experience, arising out of — but not bound by — a specific time and place.

I believe that the Zionist ideal will continue to remain unspoiled by contact with the ethos of the Canadian woods. But I do fear for another more subtle erosion of that ideal. I fear those Zionists who feel in their hearts that two thousand years of exile and degradation can be washed away just as well by the chilly waters of Lake Muskoka. Jews, who see the Hebrew language, folk dances, and other cultural trappings of peoplehood as being, in themselves, sufficient antidote to the Golah. I fear for a Zionism that is nothing more than a form of ethnicity, securing the Canadian Jews a safe place in the cultural mosaic of that fine land.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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emotionally disadvantaged adults. Activities include crafts, card and board games, volleyball and badminton.

For further information, call North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

SELF, SOCIETY AND LITERATURE

Prof. Elaine Newton will be starting a new literature course in January called Self, Society and Literature. Five novels will be studied from a psychological and sociological perspective.

The course will be held on Thursday afternoons from Jan. 5-Feb. 9. Call **Greta Gray** at 223-5452 for further information.

JCC SINGERS RECORD ALBUM

The JCC Singers, having won the first prize trophy at the North York Senior Choral Competition, have made their first record album — The JCC Singers in a Musical Mosaic.

This record is available at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., at a special Chanukah rate of only $5.

at the jcc

On Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1-3 p.m., the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) is hosting a family Chanukah party with story telling, folkdancing, singing, latkes, dreidls, hot dogs and doughnuts. The cost is $3 per person, $10 per family. For information, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Registration is open for Winterfun, an organized day program for children 5-10 years of age being held at the Bloor Y during winter break Dec. 19-30. The charge is $18 per day. For information, call 924-6211.

for seniors

The JCC Singers, having won the first prize trophy at the North York Senior Choral Competition, have made their first record album — The JCC Singers in a Musical Mosaic. This record is now available at the Jewish Community Centre at a special Chanukah offer for only $5...If you are 55 and over and like to sing and want to participate in the next competition or would like to be included for the next recording, you may join by coming along to rehearsals on Thursdays from 9.30-11 a.m. in Room 221 of the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. You will also find it gratifying to entertain seniors in homes, hospitals or a congregational function. All voices are welcome. To read music is not a pre-requisite. The JCC Singers train under the guidance of **Esther Ghan-Firestone** accompanied by **Sara Barkin-Sandler** at the piano. For information, call the president, **Dolly Brown** at 636-9468.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club celebrates Chanukah on Sunday, Dec. 4 with refreshments served from 1-4 p.m. in the club house (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). The charge is $1 members, $1.50 non-members...The next movie, That's Entertainment Part 2, is set for Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for members. Charge for non-members is $1...The New Year's eve celebration takes place Saturday, Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. at the community centre. This is for members only and the cost is $15 per person...Daily activities include Tai Chi, fitness, dancercise and bridge. For further information about all programs, call 636-7856.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club for Israelis and Hebrew speaking-persons 55 and over meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For membership information, contact **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273...The Chanukah party takes place Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre with dinner and entertainment by **Boris Neiman**. Tickets at $12.50 for members and $15 for non-members can be obtained by calling **Abraham Leibovich** at 633-2630 or by coming to the the Wagman Centre office. For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50's opening musicale luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 6, features opera singer **Joel Katz** and pianist **Ruth Morawetz**. The time is 12.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. The charge is $7.50 and reservations are a must! Reserve early by calling 781-3511.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m. the **Learning Experiences Program** of the Jewish Community Centre north branch, 4588 Bathurst St., is presenting **Bob Pritchard** from Shoppers Drug Mart. Refreshments follow the program. The charge is 25¢ JCC members, 50¢ guests. For further information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

Workmen's Circle Social Club is arranging a Chanukah concert with a luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. **Rabbi David Monson** will be present. This is by reservation only. Everyone is welcome. Call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727 or **Max Glick** at 226-4093.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-69 years of age meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Widows 70 and Over Program meets every second Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the conference room of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. The next meeting is on Sunday, Dec. 4. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The Self-Help Widowers Program for men 55 years and over meets every second Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Alan Steinberg**. The next meeting is called for Sunday, Dec. 4. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext.2269.

Seniors programs at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) for this coming week include — Thursday, Dec. 1, bingo in the main lounge at 2 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 5, bridge for beginners and intermediates at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 6, current events discussion at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 7, singalong with **Bluma**...A Chanukah party for the **Good Age Club** with singers, latkes, dreidls and more is set for Thursday, Dec. 15, from 2-4 p.m. The charge is $1 members, $2 non-members. Registration is essential, call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is having a Chanukah celebration on Monday, Dec. 5, at 12.30 p.m. with entertainment by humorist **Bert Levy** and piano acompanist. The cost for luncheon is $4 members, $5 guests...The Tai Chai is very successful and will continue throughout the year. It is free for members. For information about all activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club's Chanukah dinner is slated for Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome. There will entertainment by **Phil Gold** and his band. The charge is $12 members, $15 visitors. For reservations and information, contact **Carl Pasternak** at 633-2997 or **Bess** at 783-3206.

Young at Heart Seniors is arranging a special bargain trip to Florida at the Casablanca Hotel on the ocean Jan. 31-Feb. 28. Air fare, hotel, tips, baggage, all taxes, sightseeing tours, shopping trips, Bahama Freeport trip , entertainment, kosher restaurant, are all included for $1600 Canadian funds. If the special is still on at Air Canada you get a rebate. Travelling partners available. For more information, call **Helen** at 635-6343 or 462-0258 or **Manny** at 633-7463.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The next session of 60 and Holding, a nutrition counselling and weight reduction program, will be running for eight weeks starting Nov. 30. For further information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267...Folk dancing course is offered Monday evenings from 8-10 and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register in person at the Wagman Centre office. For further information, call **Todd Sweet** at 789-5131, ext. 2274...The Joy of Theatre group will be seeing The Bourgeois Gentleman by **Moliere** at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E., on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7.30 p.m. The cost is $10. If you wish to attend, pay for tickets at the Wagman Centre as soon as possible...The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma invites you to join the new Wednesday afternoon program for Israelis 55 years and over who enjoy socializing and good Hebrew conversation. The group meets from 2-3.30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. For further information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273 days or **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546 evenings.

All former members of Holy Blossom Temple's **Alumni** are welcome to join the temple's brotherhood breakfast club on Sunday mornings. Watch for details of events under the Sunday date in the What's New column.

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for cards, chess and discussion. Under the chairmanship of **Mr. and Mrs. Hershberg**, shuffleboard teams meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m...The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m...Bingo is held every second Wednesday at 2 p.m. under the chairmanship of **Morris Goren** and **Abe Levine**...A Chanukah party and dance is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. The Bulgar Klezmer Orchestra will entertain and latkes and refreshments will be served.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The centre is hosting a public affairs forum on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 1.30 p.m. The topic is The Refugee Situation in Canada — Is It Being Abused? Guest panelists are **Prof. Howard Adelman**, director, York University Centre for Refugee Studies; **Robert Adamson**, Kensington Bellwoods Legal Clinic for Refugees; **Susan Davies**, lawyer, and **Toby Tabac**, former assistant to the executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

The candlelight dinner and concert on Wednesday, Dec. 7, features the Toronto Folk Choir. Dinner is at 5.45 p.m. and the concert at 7. The charge for dinner and concert is $5.75. This is for members only.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) Music of the Month program is presenting musicologist **Mildred Bennett** on Monday, Dec. 5, from 1.30-3 p.m. She will speak on and play Debussy and Bach.

LLI, in cooperation with North York Board of Continuing Education, is also offering Computers for Seniors, a hands on experience for eight sessions on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. from Jan. 11-March 1. There is no fee for seniors over 65 and members. Non-members under 65 are charged $2 each session. Materials fee is $7. Registration is limited, so register early. For information, contact **Bookie Kwart** at 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and living on their own meets on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., when **Reta Duenisch** will speak on Abuse of the Elderly. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1.

Dance to the lively music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Admission is $2.50 members, $3 non-members.

Any information about special events, day trips and long tours can be obtained by calling **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

Wanted — amateur entertainers who would appreciate the opportunity to perform before a senior group to help you gain exposure. If you want to know more about it, call 665-3547.

NEW JVS PRESIDENT

Elliott Eisen (left) has been elected president of Jewish Vocational Service. With him are Sandra Brown (centre), outgoing JVS president, and Elinor Caplan, Ontario minister of health, who was guest speaker at JVS' recent annual meeting. [Graphic Artists photo]

About People

CANADA COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Joyce Zemans has been named director of the Canada Council as of Jan. 1.

Currently dean of fine arts at York University, she is an art historian who specializes in 20th century Canadian art. Before that she was head of the university's visual arts department.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH BROTHERHOD

At the Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood meeting on Nov. 6, **Alex Hecht** was elected president for the 1988-89 term. **Harold Miller** is first vice-president and social chairman, **Sidney Eisen** is 2nd vice-president and program chairman, **Lewis Millstone** is treasurer, and **Jake Anhang** is secretary.

BETH TZEDEC MUSEUM CURATOR

Beth Tzedec Congregation has announced the appointment of **Judith Cardoza** as the new curator of the Beth Tzedec Museum. **Samuel Simchovitch**, the curator for the last 21 years, will continue his association with the museum on a limited basis as co-curator.

Born and educated in New York City, Cardoza is a graduate in fine arts from Barnard College, Columbia University, and the Pratt Institute of the Arts in Brooklyn, NY. She is married to **Sidney Tanenbaum**, a Toronto architect and co-author of Treasures of a People: Synagogue Architecture in Canada.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of the Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Shayla at 422-2528.*

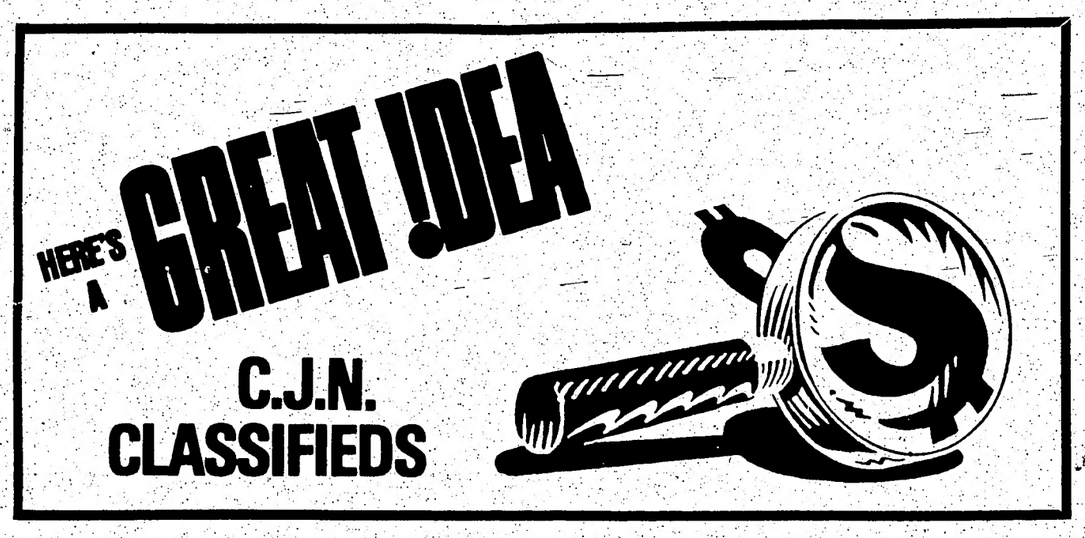
Denim Dream Dance — Ages 20 - 30. Saturday, December 3, 8:30 p.m. — D.J., snacks — Wear Denim! $5.00. Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Total Living Mature Singles — Chanukah meeting, Sunday, December 4, 8:00 p.m. Earl Bales Park Community Centre. Featuring book review by Norma Rubin B.A., M.A., B.Ed., of Chaim Grade's "My Mother's Sabbath Day." Refreshments, draw for free membership, mix and mingle. Members $2.00, non-members $3.00.

Reminder: This is the last date for renewal of membership.

New Year's Eve Party — Monies now due. Members $25., non-members $30.

Chai Singles 40+. Sunday, December 11 — Chanukah Dance. Deejay and refreshments. Celebrate with us and bring a friend. The more the merrier. 8:00 p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview. Members $7.00, visitors $10.00. For information call 367-2143 or 656-3687.



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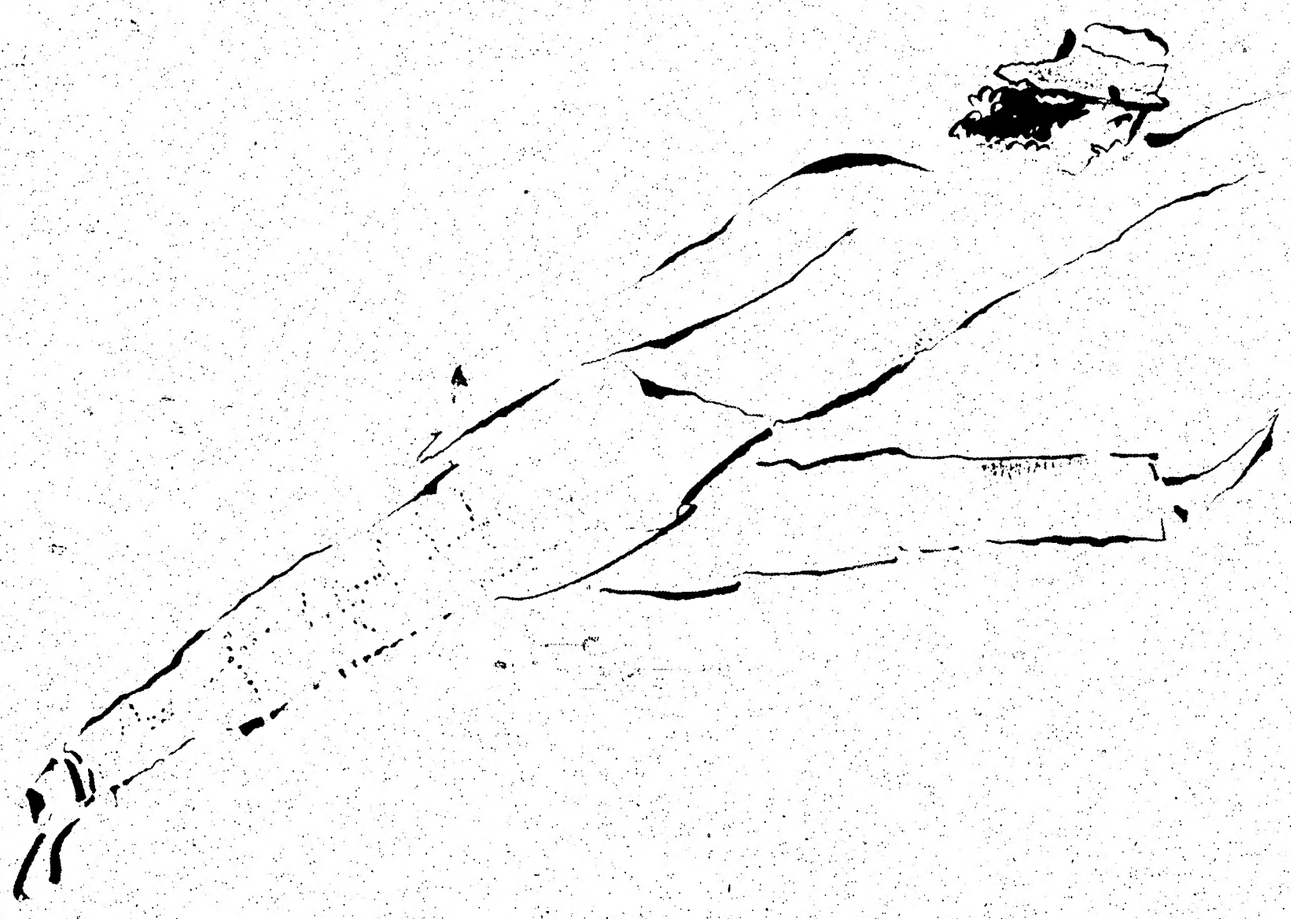
It was the week before Rosh Hashannah and my second *miluim* within Lebanon. I used to spend hours in an empty guard post atop the two-metre embankment surrounding our camp trying to catch a bit of breeze from the nearby sea. The treacherous coastal road ran along our eastern perimeter, and farther to the east — arising sharply out of orange groves were the first of the series of hills that form the north-south spine of Lebanon.

The hill right opposite us was topped by a mosque with two identical minarets that looked from a distance like a pair of elegant Sabbath candlesticks. To the south was a slightly higher hill on which there stood a huge statue of some Christian saint with arms outstretched to the Moslems and us. To the north was a larger, flatter hill, dominated by the base camp of our company. It had such amenities as a soldiers' canteen, telephones home, and trailers — rather than tents — to house the clinic, the offices and officers' quarters. We were stuck in a hot and dusty outpost at the far corner of our company's territory, guarding the southern approaches to Sidon. This satellite base was most appropriately code-named Golah. We didn't even get a rabbi for Rosh Hashannah.

I am writing these words on yet another army reserve duty far from my home and family. I spent a lonely Yom Ha'atzma'ut guarding the health of Arab stone throwers in a prison north-east of Nablus. Clearly there are harsh realities in Israel, of which army reserve duty is only one. And yet I am happy and fulfilled in Israel. I've had a seven-fold compensation for every hardship I've endured. For me and for thousands of Americans and Canadians living happily in Israel, that dream of national rebirth that I first encountered in the sheltered Muskoka woods remains untarnished.

Aliyah is not some cruel test that the most devout must pass to achieve a choice part in the world to come, nor is it a grave duty like giving charity or fasting on Yom Kippur. It is rather a gift and a challenge, like the Sabbath or marriage. Not every heart thrills at the sight of white water, nor can everyone enjoy a sweaty portage through damp woods. But for those who seek a uniquely Jewish spiritual adventure, history has bequeathed to our generation the gift and the challenge of creating our national life anew in our own land. It is an on-going adventure that remains, for most, one untested option for a rewarding Jewish life.

"Ask not what you can do for your country but what your country can do for you." Surely Israel needs more Jews, but not long-faced pilgrims coming up to the land to make a guilt offering of their most cherished treasures. There are enough Jews in Canada, young and young at heart and full of spirit, who would answer the lure of adventure if it were only presented to them. Know then that there is an exciting experiment in progress, as thrilling as any white water journey. But this adventure will not be had in Bala or in Gravenhurst, nor in Thornhill or Willowdale. Jews who want the ultimate Jewish adventure must in the end, make the great portage to Zion. ■



"LE VOYAGEUR" (1917), BY MARC CHAGALL, MUSÉE DES BEAUX-ARTS DE MONTRÉAL

POETRY CORNER

The Boys at the Back

This elephantine 747
lumbers like any other jumbo
with toilet lineups
lousy movies
smokers where
they shouldn't smoke
a few novel twists
(especially the menu)
the biggest difference
on this airline
is the boys in the aisles
and at the back
the boys —
the regulars —
old and young
the boys —
without words
they congregate
summoned only
by daybreak
and as we race towards
the elusive
rising eastern sun
the boys at the back
pray for all of us
especially and always
in the air

by Shel Krakofsky

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Simple Journey

Mordecai, they say you arrived as a prophet:
Your soothing voice and studied diction
Stitched people together, one at a time,
Until anxious crowds became nets of burden.
When you hailed taxis, chariots arrived,
And every simple journey was an exodus.
No one could turn you away from here —
Rabbis pleaded, the prime minister cabled;
But you stood resolute, carving letters
Into the sunset, and let them flutter from Sion
Eventually catching in every beard and shrub.
So when the Sabbath descends on Jerusalem
Mordecai, how far is it to the *yeshiva*,
And where does your squinting eye point home?

by Frank Manley

Frank Manley *is a Montreal poet and editor. His poetry and articles have been published in Canadian and British magazines.*

Advice to Young Poets

Your words cover my brow
like blossoms, where I lie planted
in the teeming earth. Your metaphors
soar like bluebirds over my tombstone.

Take my word for it,
it's sweeter where you are
in spite of rejection slips, lost
manuscripts and snubs from academia.

Down here the frost is killing
and even the ghosts who run
this hellish spa
are prone to plagiarism.

by Mona Elaine Adilman

Uncle Sam

Rock-a-bye goes his heart
stabbing at his rib cage
like a punching bag.
Sam is retired by profession,
an expert by hobby.
He overviews world affairs
and state of the art politics.
The *New York Sunday Times*
and strong black coffee
have made him clairvoyant.
He sees through crooked politicians
like a back-scratcher
hits the exact spot
between the shoulder blades.
Uncle Sam is nobody's fool.

He avoids senior citizen
homes like the plague,
can't stand old folks,
their complaints and plastic teeth.
He's just a kid, young
as the jokes he tells
sitting in the swank lobby
of the multinational hotel.
He meets people from
Kuwait to Timbuctoo
when they hit town
on convention junkets,
their expenses written off
by government agencies
and high-tech corporations.

Uncle Sam's expenses
are written off by his
Old Age Pension. But
days are getting leaner.
All he can afford is the same
old hamburger and raw onion.
Still, he doesn't complain.
He just celebrated his ninetieth.
When the waitress kids him
about his sexy eyes,
Uncle Sam doffs his flamingo
peak-cap, squeezes her
plump hand, and feels
he is sitting on top of the world
like he was in the roaring twenties
when the stock market
hit a new high.

by Mona Elaine Adilman

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